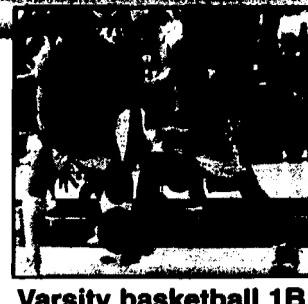




# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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## County now charging pick-up fee on strays

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on January 4 to amend the new animal ordinance and charge a \$10 fee for any animal picked up by animal control.

The fee was instituted to help defray the cost of the developing animal control program, one that the County Board desires to be self-sustaining within a few years. The amendment is made to Article VI of the ordinance, entitled Animal Shelter and Impoundment. A new Section 3 was added and what was previously Sections 3 and 4, are now numbered 4 and 5 respectively.

The new Section 3 reads: "In the event that the Animal Control Officer shall seize and impound any animal, a pick-up fee will be charged by the county against that animal's owner or adopting person in the amount of \$10 to the County of Crawford for every animal seized which shall be required to be paid to the benefit of the County of Crawford before the animal's release."

It is unclear whether the \$10 fee will effect the current \$40 adoption fee of homeless animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

## MICHIGAN CUP MARATHON

### Hanson Hills hosts annual cross country ski races

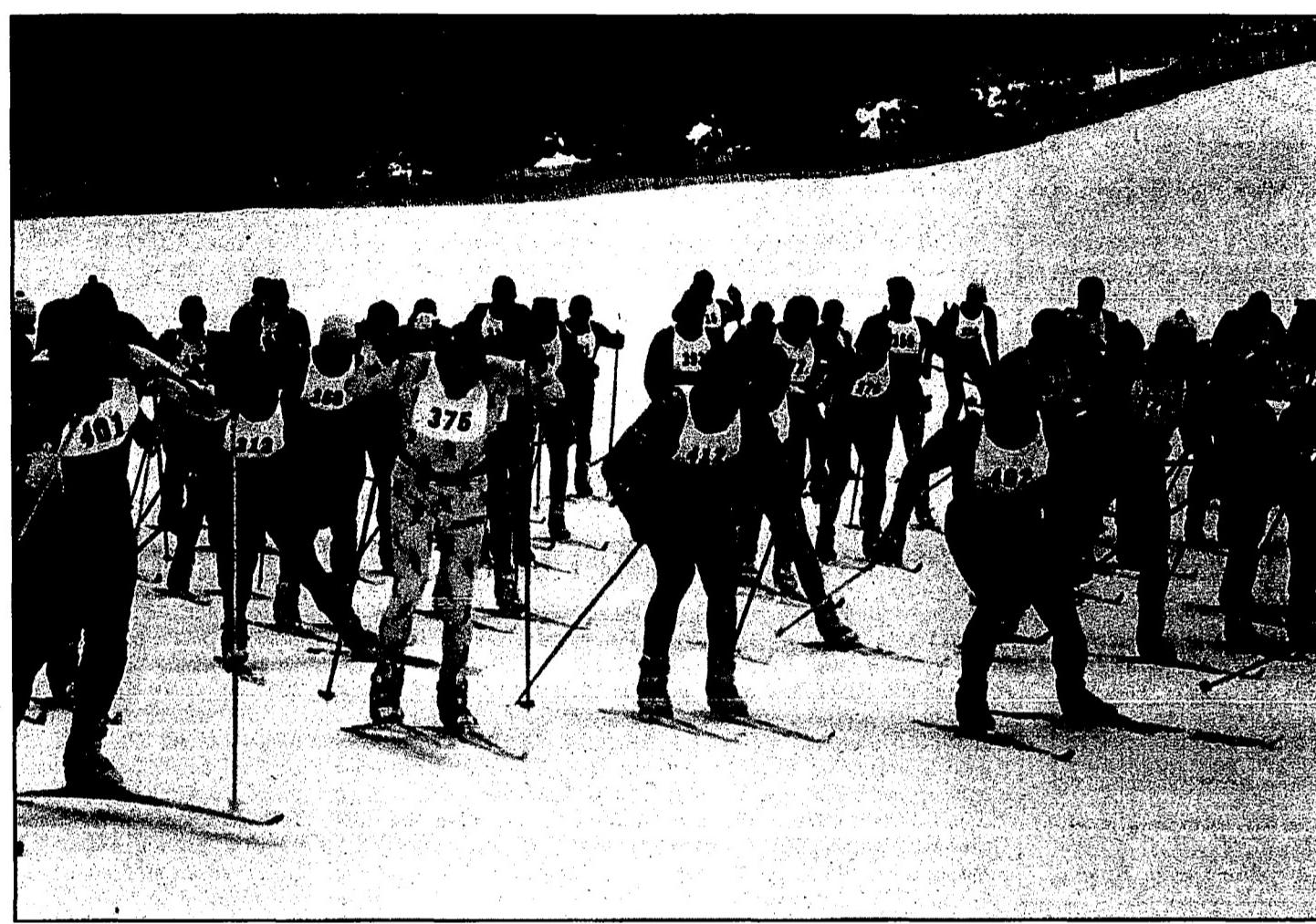


Photo by Caleb Casey

Competitors in the Michigan Cup Marathon annual cross country ski race (men's 30K division) break from the starting line at about 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, at the foot of "The Bowl" at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park. Women's (15K) and Junior (15K) races were also held on Saturday. On Sunday, Hanson Hills hosted the Hanson Hills Classic Ski Races, also cross country, which featured several races for skiers of all ages.

## Medallion Hunt to start on January 29

► This year's hunt to feature a total of 10 medallions worth \$1,500 in prizes

The 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt is set to start on Monday morning, January 29. Hunters should listen to local radio stations WGRY and WQON for specific times. Successful hunters will also scan the *Crawford County Avalanche* and the Chamber of Commerce's web site for some "help."

This year's Medallion Hunt will help kick off the Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills.

Approximately \$1,500 in gift certificates await the lucky hunters wise enough to decipher the cryptic clues. With nine small medallions and a "Grand Prize" medallion hidden somewhere in Crawford County, many people will be \$25 to \$1,200 richer by the end of the hunt.

Two clues will be given each day up to Wednesday evening, February 7. The clues will lead hunters to the small medallions and eventually to the big medallion.

There will be a Medallion Hunt kick-off dinner at the Sawmill Bar on Thursday, January 25, at 6 p.m. The rules will be passed out to those who attend. The dinner event is not

mandatory for those who wish to participate in the hunt, but those who attend will have a jump on those who do not. It is also recommended that medallion hunters order the "Medallion Burger" at the Sawmill at any time during the 10 days of the hunt.

The awards banquet will be held at the Sawmill on Thursday, February 8, at 6 p.m. The nine small medallion hunt winners will each draw two certificates from a hat, and the grand prize winner will draw the rest.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will have a list of up-to-date clues available during its normal business hours. The clues will also be posted on the Chamber's web site: [www.grayling-mi.com/events.shtml](http://www.grayling-mi.com/events.shtml)

The nine small medallions are about the size of a half dollar and have "Sawmill Medallion Hunt" stamped on them. The big medallion is about the same diameter of a softball and is engraved with "Grand Prize Winner." Anyone finding a medallion must report the find immediately to Mike Shearer (348-2083) or Dennis Wallace (348-8661). Only one small medallion per family please. If you have found one, please let someone else have

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## School kids benefit from fund-raiser – now and in the future

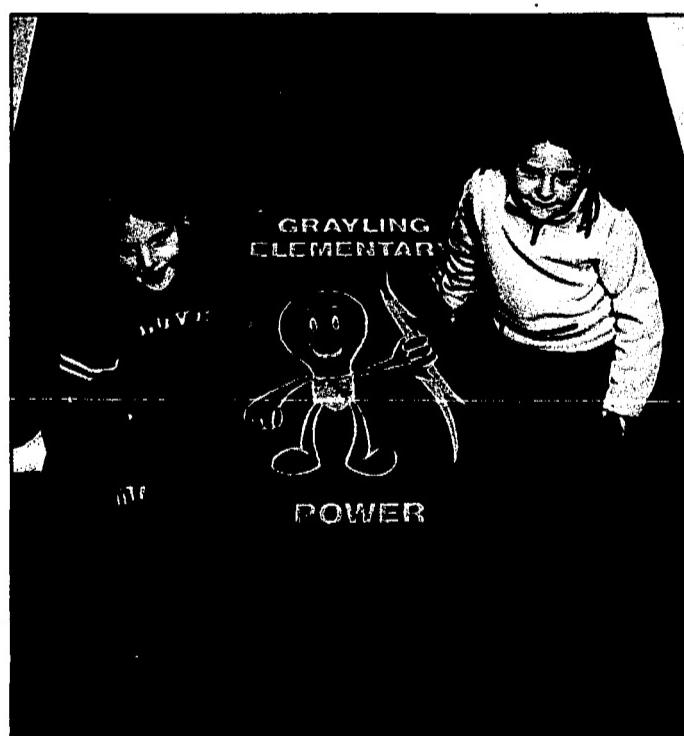


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**Grayling Elementary students Chelsea Wardecke and Chelsea Prosser take a seat on a rug with a "power"-ful message. The rug was donated to the school by the Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary Parent Teacher Organization. For more, see Page 2A, "School kids..."**

## Shelter members air concerns; Dixie served with lawsuit

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

About 70 people who believe they are members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. met last Thursday afternoon at the Gray Rock Cafe to discuss the current state of shelter operations. Among those in attendance were Animal Shelter Board members Ward Parker, Joe Porter and Susan Thiel. Ousted volunteer director Dixie Lobsinger was also present.

Lifelong Crawford County resident Sharon Priebe, who sits on the Board of Directors of the National Clydesdale Association, a 501 (c)(3) corporation, agreed to lead the meeting.

Priebe informed those gathered that the meeting was not a shelter meeting, instead it was a "concerned citizens meeting... a meeting to see if or how we can come to some kind of agreement or do something to resolve this problem with the board, with Dixie, and with how we all feel about how things are being handled."

Handouts were prepared and distributed to those in attendance. Included in those handouts were a copy of the organization's by-laws, a membership form, a form letter asking the board to hold a special meeting for the purpose of removing the board (according to Michigan law), and a proxy vote

form. Everyone was invited to fill out and return the forms so that members could be kept informed of shelter happenings, stating some people had some concerns about membership and the lack of notification of members regarding shelter board meetings. "I know that everyone feels very strongly about what's been done, on both sides of the issue," Priebe said.

Monte Burmeister, attorney representing the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., spoke briefly to the gathering and echoed some of what Priebe said as to the discrepancies in the accounting of members. Burmeister encouraged those who believed they are members of the organization, as described in the by-laws, to send verification of their eligibility to the board directly, through his office or by way of Priebe's group who prepared the forms, to allow them to be included as members.

Burmeister then stated some paperwork had been filed with the courts. "One of the things we are asking the judge to assist the animal shelter on is setting some parameters on having an accounting of the membership and once that's done, this group, I mean the board of directors, is more than willing to sit **Continued on Page 12A**  
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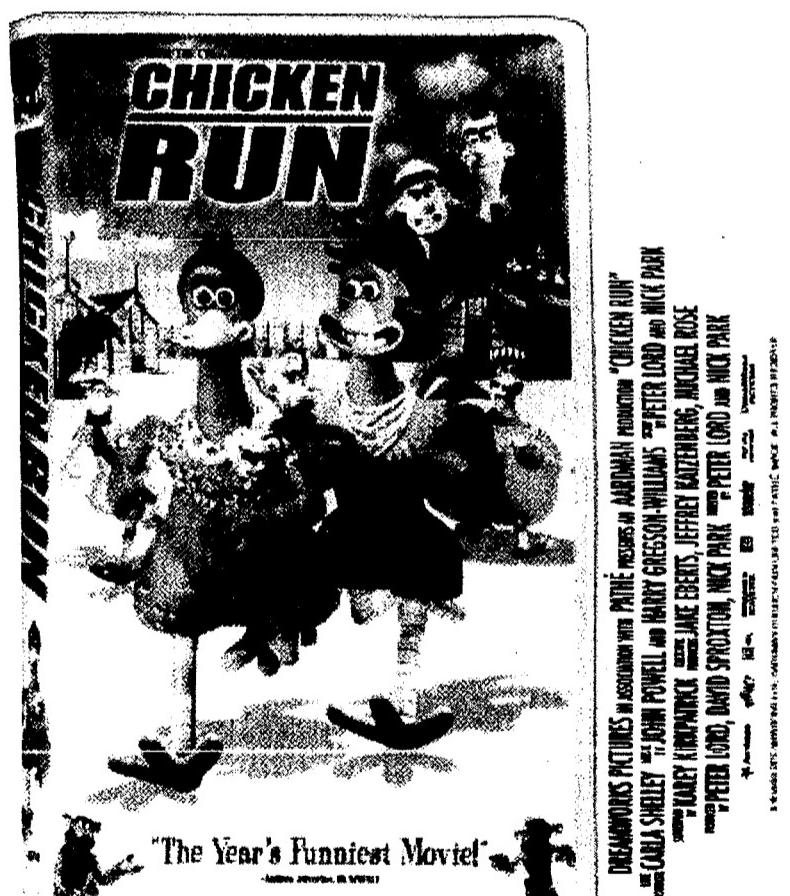
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## Frederic contracts roadside trash service

### ► Agreement reached for a contract with Waste Management

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Frederic Township, after advertising for trash service bids recently, is in the process of contracting with Waste Management, the only company that provided a bid.

Frederic Zoning Administrator Mike Girard said he talked with a few other trash service companies, but no others were currently prepared to bid. At least one company could not handle the additional workload, Girard said.

The township board opened the bid at last Tuesday's meeting. A representative from Waste Management was present to answer questions.

For roadside trash pick-up once per week on Monday, Waste Management's price came in at \$10,500 per month (\$126,000 per year). For any day other than Monday, the cost would be \$8,000 per month, or \$96,000 per year.

"The only word that comes to my mind is 'ouch,'" said Township Supervisor Ron Lewis.

The township was expecting a lower price than \$96,000/year. Last year, the township contracted with Waste Management for just over a

month at a cost of about \$8,200. The township was conducting its own roadside trash service for about \$2,000 per month before the operation was shut down by the Department of Natural Resources.

When the township's own roadside pick-up operation was ordered to cease, the township negotiated with Waste Management for temporary roadside service. According to Girard and former township supervisor Brian Hulbert, the price of \$8,000/month was based on an estimated count of area township properties done by Waste Management. The township board and Waste Management's representative agreed the count came in at about 850.

This time, the property count came in at significantly less than 850, but the price per month for service came out the same, leaving the township board members wondering about the numbers. Also, Girard noted that at the time the township was negotiating a short-term deal with Waste Management, the company indicated that a long-term deal would result in a lower cost per month for service.

"It looks like we're going to end up paying more for less," said Lewis.

Waste Management's representative replied by saying the township's compactor site was in operation during the temporary month of service from the company, which

decreased the amount of trash to be picked up. With the township planning to halt operation of the compactor, everything would be at roadside, he said.

(Late last year, the township board opted to go with roadside service after a series of public meetings and a written survey indicated the people of Frederic were in favor of roadside pick-up, as opposed to continuing the compactor operation, or a combination of the two. The township decided to keep the compactor where it is to be used once or twice a year for special community clean-up days only.)

Though the bid price was higher than the township board hoped, board members felt it was necessary to move ahead and line up an agreement for roadside service. As Lewis put it, "the taxes for the service are already showing up on the tax rolls. We have to do something."

With Girard's help, the board started crunching the numbers.

Treasurer Sandy Barber said the taxes from the special assessment would bring in about \$120,000/year. Girard said \$7,500 should be subtracted to pay back the township's fire fund, from which the township borrowed money to continue compactor service late last year when the trash fund ran out of money.

Also, about \$5,000 should be deducted from the \$120,000 to

account for an unknown number of refunds that would have to be paid for those properties that have no roadside pick-up drop-off points, Girard said.

After the deductions, about \$113,000 would be available per year for the township's trash fund.

"It looks like we'll be close on the first year," said Lewis.

"Doesn't leave much room for spring or fall clean-ups," said Girard.

Supervisor Lewis moved to consider an agreement with Waste Management according to the township's bid specifications, with wording to accommodate referendum requirements, and specifically request Tuesday as the township's pick-up day. After a second from Trustee Bill Johnson, the motion passed 5-0. (At a special meeting this week, the township voted to approve the contract with Waste Management.)

Waste Management's representative noted that the township may not be able to choose a specific day of the week for pick-up. Girard felt the township, for almost \$100,000 per year, could "put its foot down" and get Tuesdays.

The township, like many municipalities, wanted a Monday pick-up day since it immediately follows the weekend, but the board decided the extra cost as listed in the bid made Monday pick-ups cost prohibitive.

## National program will help Crawford become 'Firewise'

by Cherrill Ruley  
Staff Writer

With a focus on wildland fire prevention and multi-hazard planning, Crawford County has become a "Firewise Community" as part of a national program to prevent the loss of homes and buildings to wildfire.

In September, four local men attended a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) "Firewise Communities" workshop in Minnesota to learn more about the program and how to develop the Firewise plan for Crawford County

and northern lower Michigan. To cover all aspects of rebuilding after a fire, Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks, Crawford County Building & Zoning Director Joe Duran, Grayling Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer Joe Ferrigan and DNR official Larry Allwardt have joined to form the local Firewise Task Force.

The group plans to visit each township in the near future to explain how to break the cycle of repeat fires that only lead to rebuilding larger structures on the same site with no fire prevention planning. The group believes that home and property owners must learn to take the responsibility for keeping their buildings out of the line of fire by effective landscaping and cleanup and by creating a 30-60 foot buffer zone.

Through the program, Crawford

County will use a \$35,000 grant from the NFPA to implement the Firewise plan. Residents will be able to apply for grants up to \$500 that will pay contractors to do such things as thin trees and brush, enclose the bottoms of porches and decks and to create buffer zones.

Each applicant will be visited by Firewise Task Force members and recommendations for fire prevention will be made. Those properties determined to be at the highest risk of loss in the event of a wild or forest fire will be deemed a priority case.

Because most fires that destroy homes travel across the ground and are fueled by leaves and ground debris, the task force will emphasize education in fall cleanup and removing possible "ladder fuels," those things which allow fires to climb into the trees and approach homes and out buildings

The task force will also look at tree trimming to keep their crowns from touching. Forest fires spread at a slower pace when the crowns are not touching.

The Firewise program will come at no cost to the county or townships. It is fully paid for with grant monies which will be administered by Crawford County.

Booklets, entitled "Wildfire: Are You and Your Home Prepared?" are available at the County Building and Zoning office and at the Grayling Township Hall. Meetings to discuss Firewise Communities and how to apply for a grant are tentatively scheduled beginning in April. The task force considers the Firewise program to be the most cost effective way to providing fire prevention for Crawford County and northern lower Michigan.

## City fills seats on Housing Commission, ZBA

### ► City council still looking to fill one seat on the Housing Commission

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

At the Grayling City Council's first meeting of 2001, the council took care of appointments to the city's Housing Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The city opted to fill Robert Ruddy's Housing Commission seat with a current council member, at the recommendation of City Manager Allen Lowe. Traditionally,

one member of the council has served on the Housing Commission, but the current council never replaced Ruddy, who was appointed to the seat while on the city council, after the election in November of 1999 that resulted in three new council members.

According to the city, Ruddy said he would be willing to continue serving on the Housing Commission Board, but was also willing to resign if the council wished to have a current council member fill his seat.

The council voted 5-0 to have Mayor Marilyn Palmer take over for Ruddy on the Housing Commission. The term expires in

2004.

The city is also currently advertising for one vacancy on the Housing Commission, following the expiration of Nellie Kellogg's term. Kellogg did not wish to be re-appointed, Mayor Palmer said.

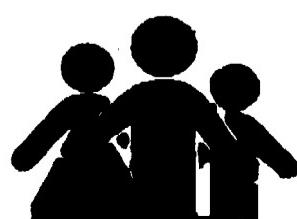
Anyone interested in serving on the city's Housing Commission should contact City Manager Lowe at 348-2131.

The council authorized Lowe to write letters thanking Ruddy and Kellogg for their service.

The city council also voted 5-0 to re-appoint Junior Palmer to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, for a three-year term.

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# Frederic blood drive nets 36 pints for patients

Submitted by Shirley Schmoeck  
Frederic Blood Drive Coordinator

After a few years of starts and stops, the community of Frederic has perfected the art of organizing, hosting and conducting a successful blood drive.

Forty-two people presented themselves on January 4, netting 36 qualifying pints from 39 donors. This drive will eventually help 78 patients in need of blood.

Four first-time donors were present, including Sally Dedafoe of Grayling, Amiee Rollins of Frederic, and Crystal Pilon, a recent Grayling High School graduate home on holiday from Michigan Tech. "My brother just gave blood at the high school and, after we talked about it, I decided to come to Frederic and give myself," said Pilon. "It was a wonderful experience and I'll continue the practice."

Parent organizer Vickie Schmidt and Frederic Elementary School secretary Denise Latuszek extended

their helping hands to enlist volunteers for this drive and provided baked goods for the blood donors. Red Cross Blood Drives are directed under the supervision of the Red Cross, but it is not possible to conduct them without help from the community in which they are held.

Donors, of course, are the other key to a successful drive, and thanks to several MATES employees from Grayling, at least half of those presenting themselves to give blood wore Army fatigues.

Lt. Col. Tom Lamic and his wife attended with their son, who is in seminary, and their daughter who is a nun and was home on holiday from her mission in Central America.

Seven-gallon donor Mike Wargo received his pin, as did one-gallon donors Rose Ann Owens of Frederic and John Stevens of Millersburg.

The young men of Shawano set up and tore down the drive set-up as usual; their neverending enthusiasm



Photo courtesy of Shirley Schmoeck

First-time blood donors Amiee Rollins of Frederic (left) and Sally Dedafoe of Grayling (right) rest and have a chat at the cookie and juice table after their donation. Thirty-six pints of blood were collected at the most recent Frederic blood drive on January 4.

for what they're doing is always welcome by the Red Cross community blood drive staff.

## Grant helps build road to industrial development

The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Grayling Township for industrial and commercial development.

The announcement was made on January 11 by Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Chamber Industrial Development Committee (IDC) Chairman David Stephenson after being notified of the award by foundation representatives.

The Dow Foundation was founded in 1936 through a trust established by Grace Dow in memory of her late husband, Dr. Herbert H. Dow, founder of the Dow Chemical Company. With nearly \$570 million in assets, the Dow Foundation is one of the world's most generous philanthropic organizations. Through the years, the foundation has supported many endeavors, especially education, medicine, and the arts.

The money will be used for the construction of a one-half-mile long, class-A road into a 2,000-acre industrial development site in Grayling Township. The Dow funds require a 100 percent match, half of which has been pledged by Grayling Township and half by the Road Commission for Crawford County.

"This development is a huge undertaking, but the benefits in job

creation are going to be significant. We're blessed that the Dow Foundation has taken such a positive interest in our community," Wright said.

The site is being developed on state-owned lands through a unique agreement between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Grayling Township and the IDC.

Under the terms of the agreement, the land will remain under state ownership until interested businesses have received the approval of both the IDC and the township planning commission. Only then will the business be able to purchase a parcel to fit its needs.

The agreement with MDNR was signed by Director K.L. Kool last April. It is the only one of its kind in the state of Michigan. According to Wright, it came as the result of years of negotiations between local and MDNR officials seeking a way to overcome the problem of private land availability in Crawford County.

He said nearly 80 percent of all lands in the county are either state or federally owned, leaving few areas for private expansion.

"The unique part of our agreement with the DNRR," Wright said, "is that the land will remain under state ownership, as part of the state's recreational inventory, until it is sold. Twenty years from now, the public will still be able to hunt on the portions that are still unde-

veloped. "I think the Dow Foundation saw this project as a means to help bring good jobs to an area which needs them very badly. They know that good jobs equate to a better lifestyle for everyone in the area. We can't thank them enough for their generous grant."

The road to be built will enter the development site running north from Four Mile Road, approximately one-quarter-mile east of I-75 exit 249. The first half-mile long phase will allow the immediate occupancy of qualifying businesses. Subsequent phases are expected to extend the road into the City of Grayling, connecting at the city limit with Industrial Street.

Grayling Township and the IDC are currently studying the feasibility of providing the area with all industrial and commercial utility needs.

## School kids benefit

Submitted by the GES/AP PTO

There is a new item at Grayling Elementary School and it carries the message of the power of learning.

The Grayling Elementary/Ausable Primary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recently donated a rug (pictured) to the school.

The rug was purchased with funds raised during their annual spring fund-raiser, which kicks off this year on February 14.

The PTO has raised funds in the past to purchase items for the schools, such as playground equipment, a weather station, a popcorn machine for the student council, and a new school sign in front of Grayling Elementary School.

In 2000, the PTO donated \$12,090, which was split among the

classrooms for teachers to use for field trips, plays at Kirtland Community College and other activities.

This year's fund-raiser will be focused on not only funding for the classrooms, but also on the River Walk Project. Members of the Grayling Elementary/Ausable Primary PTO state they want the students to benefit from being the only schools in the state located on such a valuable resource as the Ausable River.

From the PTO's donation, along with others, the members hope to see the schools tied into the River Walk Project with boardwalks and areas where teachers can bring their classes to learn about the many different aspects and history of the river and its surrounding area.

## Stolen sled recovered

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

With the help of a local snowmobiler, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department were able to recover a stolen 2000 Polaris snowmobile valued at over \$7,000.

According to Sheriff David Lovely, the snowmobile was reported stolen on December 27, 2000 near Howes Lake Road.

While out snowmobiling on January 11, a local rider noticed the missing snowmobile sitting out in the woods. With the help of the rider, members of the Sheriff's

Snowmobile Patrol Division recovered the machine and notified the owner to pick it up at the Sheriff's Office.

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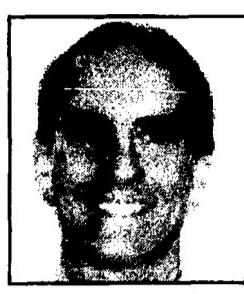


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## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# Bush filling posts with state leadership

**THE NEW BUSH** administration officially takes command at the end of this week. With the inauguration looming on January 20, the second President Bush will solemnly swear to uphold the laws of the land and, with the help of God, serve the people of our country.

But President Bush is also asking several leaders from our state to help him run the country.

Bush and Michigan have ties that go way back. He and Governor Engler have worked together for many years. But Engler has made it clear he would entertain no offers for posts in the new Bush administration -- at least not for now. Engler has his sights set on running the National Governor's Association, a post he expects to fill next year.

So no offer of a Bush post was forthcoming to our Governor. But was that because he said he wouldn't take one, or because

Bush didn't want to offer one?

Remember, it was Gov. Engler who promised that he would deliver Michigan to the Bush campaign in the Republican primary. He didn't. The state Republican voters picked John McCain over Bush back in August. Michigan was not the firewall our governor promised it to be in the Bush Campaign. Then Gov. Engler tried to convince state voters to pick Bush over Gore in the November general election. He didn't. Gore took the state popular vote and the electoral college votes that go with it.

But even with those two Bush defeats in our state, he is still looking to Michigan for national leadership.

President Bush has already tapped former Sen. Spencer Abraham to be his Energy Secretary.

Abraham, a one-term Senator, has been a consummate Republican insider. He has long been an Engler team member, chairing

one of the Governor's election campaigns and helping orchestrate his surprising win over Gov. Jim Blanchard. Abraham's victory in the Senate race six years ago was a surprise to many. His loss in November was not as surprising. Abraham has keen political instincts and is a very hard worker. What he lacked as a politician were constituent services -- "people skills."

Abraham is a supreme nuts and bolts policy person. Those strengths make him an excellent choice for a cabinet position, where service to voters is almost non-existent. The post also gives him a \$20,000 raise in pay and could serve as payback number one to Gov. Engler. No post for our Governor, but his favorite political work should come out of this just fine.

Also receiving a nod from the new administration is State Sen. William VanRegenmorter. The Grand Rapids Republican is the current chair of the Senate

Judiciary Committee. He is a long serving and well respected member of the state legislature and is considered the leader in state issues involving victim's rights.

So a post in Washington as the national leader for victim's rights would not only be a promotion, it would be a good fit. That's what has been offered by the Bush team.

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**THE SENATOR**, who is at the end of his tenure and will be term-limited out of office next year, is considering the offer. He has family considerations that may preclude his acceptance and also has some unfinished business here in the state. If those weigh enough to overcome the allure of a national appointment, only he can decide.

His decision is expected this week.

Another State Senator is already on the road for the Bush team. Sen. Phil Hoffman, from the Jackson area, is the newest U.S. Marshall, accepting the appointment last

week.

His job will move him to Detroit, where he will be responsible for many duties, including prisoner transport. Bush offered, Hoffman accepted. And just like that, there's a new Marshall in town.

If you add in former State Senator Mike Rogers, our state may be sending three of our top state Senators to Washington. So in addition to term limits, we are losing our legislators at a fast rate. But more on that later.

President Bush will have many more opportunities to fill jobs with capable people. He will continue to look to Michigan for some of those people.

We have many fine, talented people who live and work in our state. Some are even proving to be the best in the country.

Take it as a compliment.

# EDITOR

## Dixie's compassion missed following puppy's death

To the editor,

I have never written a letter to the editor before and, quite truthfully, had never foreseen myself doing so. However, I had something quite disturbing happen to me yesterday and I feel the people of Grayling have the right to know about it.

On Monday, January 8, I got a puppy from a friend for my children. Her name was Destiny and she was a seven-week old labrador mix.

Everything was going fine and she seemed healthy and happy. I went out of town on Wednesday and left Destiny in the care of my roommates. When I returned home Thursday morning, she was asleep on her favorite blanket (or so it seemed). My two-year old, Ryan, was attempting to give her a bone when I noticed something was wrong. Destiny was dead.

I was horrified and really didn't know what to do with her. I called the Animal Shelter to talk to Dixie Lobsinger, because I knew she would help me to feel better and tell me the (morally) right thing to do with Destiny's body.

Unbeknownst to me, Dixie was not there. (I hadn't read this week's Avalanche to discover all

that had happened with our Animal Shelter Board.)

The person who answered the phone told me Dixie was not there and that she had taken over Dixie's job. She stated her name was Marge.

I explained my situation to Marge, with my lifeless puppy in my lap and tears rolling down my face. Her response (I'm sure you'll agree) was at the least appalling! I had expressed my sadness and my desire to properly bury my puppy. Marge told me to put Destiny's body in a garbage bag and take her to the dump because, she said, "that's what we do."

Now, I understand decomposing and all of that, but the puppy, in only four short days, had become a very loved family member by myself and my children. I just think it was sick and cruel to tell me to throw her away like garbage!

I don't mean to get into all of this shelter madness, but Dixie never would have told me something like that. She has always been wonderfully compassionate with me and my pets; she would've shared my sorrow.

I ended up taking Destiny to the

Grayling Hospital for Animals to see if they could tell me why my puppy died. We discovered that she had chewed on my lamp cord, which is what killed her. So, please watch your pets and "puppy-proof" your homes before this happens to your families.

Dr. Casler and the Grayling Hospital for Animals helped me feel better and cremated my puppy. Their care and concern (in my book) was above and beyond!

And, to you, Marge Mathew:

you have no business dealing with humans or animals, so give the job back to Dixie, or at least find someone more compassionate to do it, because, quite frankly, you're rude and inconsiderate!

Quite a drastic change from loving and supportive Dixie. I feel for those animals -- truly.

On a lighter note, my children now have a new puppy, Destiny's sister (from the same litter). Her name is Faith and I can assure you there are no cords for her to chew on. I only wish I'd thought of it sooner.

I am grateful for everyone who took the time to read this.

Tanya L. Black  
Grayling

**The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.**

## VIEWPOINT

by The American Legion

# Help for 'atomic veterans' praised by Legion

WASHINGTON - "It's about time..." That's how the leader of the nation's largest veterans organization reacted today to regulations to be proposed by Acting Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Hershel Gober that would make it easier for "atomic veterans" to acquire free-of-charge VA health care and disability compensation.

Certain veterans suffering from cancer of the bone, brain, lung, colon or ovary would be presumed to be ailing from exposure to ionizing radiation related to military service, which means veterans with those diagnoses would have an easier time proving they are eligible for benefits.

Currently, "atomic veterans" are those who participated in atmospheric nuclear tests conducted in the 1940s, 50s and 60s or were held captive in Japan or participated in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But under the new rules,

VA would also recognize those who were at underground tests in Alaska and those who were assigned to certain nuclear weapons plants in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.

"It's about time the government stop forcing these veterans to fight two wars -- one for freedom and the other for the benefits they earned," American Legion National Commander Ray G. Smith said. "Veterans exposed to ionizing radiation have been through hell, working hard to prove their illnesses are service-connected while suffering from the grave scars of their sacrifice. I commend Acting Secretary Gober for doing the right thing for veterans as the administration also reaches out to sick civilians who manufactured America's nuclear arsenals."

The new rules would extend eligibility for benefits to those exposed to radiation connected to underground nuclear tests at Amchitka Island, Alaska, prior to 1974, and at gaseous diffusion plants in Paducah, Kentucky; Portsmouth, Ohio; and Oak Ridge, Tennessee (area K25). "Conspicuously missing is the nuclear facility at Hanford, Washington, which has had a long history of radiation problems," Smith said, recommending it be added to the list. "Civilians at these plants are also eligible under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990 for diseases related to exposure to beryllium and silica. VA should apply the same standards to veterans who served on active duty at these plants."

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also be a danger when used improperly. In cold weather, when doors and windows are shut, the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is greater.

Follow these simple recommendations to reduce your risk:

- If your home is new and airtight, keep windows slightly open.

- Have your fuel burning appliances checked before the heating season begins.

- Make sure the furnace chimney isn't blocked by leaves, bird nests, or soot.

- Never run engines in a closed garage.

- Avoid sitting in a running car for any length of time. Have your car's exhaust system checked periodically.

- Never burn charcoal inside the house either in a grill, barbecue or fireplace.

- Don't use your gas range to heat a room.

- Purchase, install, and use a long term carbon monoxide detector. Also, one time carbon monoxide detectors are available at minimal expense.

If you suspect you have a carbon monoxide problem in your home, or if you would like more information on carbon monoxide poisoning, contact the Environmental Health Department of your local Health Department.

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

### CARBON MONOXIDE--THE SILENT KILLER!!

QUESTION. I have heard a lot lately about carbon monoxide poisoning. Sometimes a whole family

dies from carbon monoxide poisoning in their home. Is this something I should be concerned about?

SIGNED: Worried reader.

ANSWER: Carbon monoxide poisoning is far too common an occurrence. Every year approximately 10,000 people need some type of medical attention because of exposure to this deadly gas. Of these victims, 1,500 die from carbon monoxide poisoning. Many of them were never aware of the extreme danger associated with carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas. When it is present in an enclosed area, those exposed to it may develop headaches or feel nauseous, sleepy or dizzy. If the length of exposure time continues, symptoms worsen and may include vomiting or fluttering of the heart. If carbon monoxide levels are high enough over an extended period of time, the victim may lose consciousness or even die.

What causes carbon monoxide poisoning?

Any fuel burning equipment may be a source of carbon monoxide including fuel burning furnaces which are not regularly serviced or cared for properly. Small barbecue grills, space heaters, gas dryers, hot water heaters, and fireplaces may

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# BRIEFS

## Join 7&4 News for Grayling Town Meeting

Join 7&4 News for a complimentary breakfast as Dave Walker hosts "Your Town - Grayling," a town meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. This is a chance for Grayling residents to tell northern Michigan about the things that make Grayling such a great place to live and see your town on TV. All residents are encouraged to attend and bring family, friends and neighbors. The event is sponsored by Touchstone Energy and Northern Michigan Hospital Petoskey.

## Save/share for Project Graduation

Anyone interested in donating their Glen's Save/Share points to this year's Project Graduation fund should sign up at the customer service counter in Glen's Market. Project Graduation's account number is 124296.

## Rep. Bradstreet plans visit to Grayling

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) will be in Grayling on Monday, January 22 to talk with area residents. The 105th District lawmaker has scheduled office hours in the Crawford County Courthouse district courtroom from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day. The courthouse is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue. "No appointment is necessary and I welcome everyone to come in for a talk," Bradstreet said. "I'm here to listen to people's thoughts and concerns about state government issues." For more information, call Bradstreet's Lansing office, toll free, at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

## Nursing centre offers free services

"Community Connections," held the last Thursday of each month, at the Grayling Nursing Centre, 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling, will host a free clinic to include blood pressures, weights and a different "special service" each month to all seniors, 50 years and older. This month's clinic will take place on January 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will include a funeral home presentation with information on prepaid funeral arrangements. For more information, call (517) 348-2801.

## Senior Center presents Steel Magnolias

The Commission on Aging Senior Center's Wednesday Nite at the Movies will present "Steel Magnolias," starring Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis and Shirley McLain, on January 24 at 5:30 p.m. on the big-screen TV. There is no charge for the movie and popcorn; everyone is welcome.

## Band Booster meeting cancelled

The Viking Band Booster meeting originally scheduled for January 18 has been cancelled.

## Grayling PTO now accepting save/shares

The Grayling Elementary/Ausable Primary Parent Teacher Organization now has its own Glen's save/share account. Sign up to help the local schools at Glen's Market or pick up a card in either school office.

## Rotary Calendar winners announced

Rotary Calendar winners for December 2000, of \$50 each, were Robert Muth and Harold Jostock.

## Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions' Lucky 13 winner of \$100 is Donna Farren.

## Lutheran Ladies plan lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church are hosting a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, January 24 in the Fellowship Hall of the church located on Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Fill a table, bring a friend, or just come to enjoy a winter afternoon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at (517) 348-9169.

## River Valley Rug Hookers to meet

The monthly meeting of the River Valley Rug Hookers will meet on January 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1370 I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. For more information call (517) 348-4011 Tuesday through Friday.

## Join the Boy Scouts on January 22

Boy Scout Troop #993 of Camp Grayling will be meeting Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Bldg. 112. Boys ages 11-18 years old are welcome. For more information, call Mike Kane at (517) 348-5302.

## Openings remain in 4-H Youth Archery Classes

The 4-H Youth Archery classes still have openings available for our winter archery classes. Youth age eight and above can learn the exciting sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bear's Bowman Archery Club at Hanson Hills.

Register now at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration is limited, so enroll now.

To begin, youth must be eight or above by the date of the first class. For advanced class youth must have received a 4-H Certificate of Completion of beginners' class.

The classes will run weekly for eight weeks. The cost for the eight week session is \$14 per child.

## GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY YOUTH AND SENIORS

North Central Michigan Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for the first year of Tobacco Settlement Funds. The deadline for submission is 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2001. All non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon are invited to apply. Eligible programs are those that would improve the physical, mental, and emotional health of youth (under 18) and seniors (65 and over).

For Information and applications call 517-275-3112 or contact NCFC at 701 Lake Street, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 49663

## Break free in 2001 from credit card debt

"The gifts have been opened. The parties have ended. The decorations are put away. Now comes the reality of facing bills for all of the guilty pleasures from your holiday shopping trips," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org, a non-profit financial services organization. To help people with their money troubles, Myvesta.org is offering a free publication called *Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches*.

"Many holiday shoppers will be shocked when they open their credit card statements in the next few weeks," Rhode said. "January is one of our busiest months because holiday spending pushes people into debt problems." A Myvesta.org survey found that the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$1,220 on holiday gifts.

The free publication coaches people to take control of their spending and track expenses so they can find enough extra money to pay off their bills in six months.

"The most important thing," Rhode added, "is to pay more than just the minimum payment due on your credit card bill. If people pay just the minimum on their holiday debts, their total cost skyrockets." By making minimum payments on \$1,220 at 18 percent interest, it will take 22 years to pay off and interest payments will top \$2,500.

"Make 2001 the year to break free and rise above the superficial 'stuff' that drains wallets and keeps you in a perpetual cycle of debt," Rhode said.

Read and download copies of the free publication at Myvesta.org.

## Alcoholics Anonymous support available

Grayling Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Its primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Grayling AA meetings are held at

12 noon each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Lake Street in Grayling. Evening meetings are held as follows:

Monday - 8 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall; Tuesday - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church; Al Anon (support for friends and loved ones of alcoholics) is also held at 8 p.m.; Wednesday - 8 p.m. at the Roscommon Civic Center in Roscommon; Thursday - 8 p.m. at Grayling City Hall; Friday - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church; Sunday - 8 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling.

Some locations allow smoking and are handicap accessible. Call 348-5445 or 348-8901 for more information.

## Annual Savings Bond Poster Contest underway

### Governor

The Tenth Annual U.S. Savings Bonds Poster Contest is now underway. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to enter their artwork in this national contest to win U.S. Savings Bonds.

The goal of the contest is to help educate children on the importance of saving money and to introduce them to U.S. Savings Bonds. The theme of this year's competition is "Reach for the Stars - Buy U.S. Savings Bonds."

A winner will be selected from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The 52 first place winners will each win \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and be entered into the national competition. The second and third place winners will receive \$500 and \$200 U.S. Savings Bonds, respectively. These awards will be presented to the winners in a ceremony with the

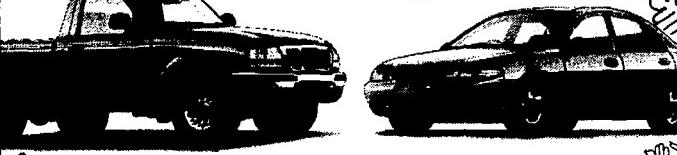
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# The Bible Speaks

## Are you Hurting?

Why do bad things happen to good people? The life of Job gives us much insight into this question. "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." (Job 1:1) Job was blessed with 10 children and tremendous wealth. (Job 1:2-5) God praised Job as His example of a righteous man. "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" (Job 1:8)

Satan believed Job and his family had been blessed and protected by God, and if Job lost these things he would curse God to His face. "Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Dost thou fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." (Job 1:9-11)

God permitted Satan to take away all of Job's blessings except his own health and life. After losing his wealth and 10 children, Job still worshipped God. "And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:21,22)

Then Satan said that if Job's health were destroyed he would curse God to His face. "4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. 6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life." God told Satan he could destroy everything but Job's very life.

After Satan destroyed Job's health even his own wife turned on him. "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips." (Job 2:9,10)

Then Job's three friends came and blamed Job for all his terrible problems. Instead of rejecting his friends, Job dialogued with them and finally prayed for them. "And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 42:10)

Job is the classic example of why bad things happen to good people. Job had the privilege of glorifying God and serving Him during extreme trials and tests. Job had the privilege of proving God's word to be true and Satan to be a liar. Job had the privilege of learning that God reserves the very best for those who leave the choice to Him. Are you hurting? Remember Job! Trust God!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

## Grants available from tobacco settlement

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has received a grant from the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) in the amount of \$76,190.50 to establish the North Central Tobacco Settlement Partnership Fund for the purpose of supporting healthy youth and healthy seniors in our community.

These funds come from a \$2.1 million payment to CMF from the State of Michigan on interest earned on tobacco settlement funds. CMF has divided the funds among the 66 certified community foundations in Michigan based on the most current state data on youth under the age of 18 and seniors over the age of 65 living in each area. The settlement provides for NCMCF to receive a similar grant annually for the next 20 years.

In 1999, the Michigan State

Legislature passed and Governor Engler signed into law Senate Bill 79, the budget bill for the Department of Career Development and the Michigan Strategic Fund. Included in Bill 79 is Section 313, which allocated funds to the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) from interest earning on the portion of the tobacco settlement revenue received by the State from the national tobacco master settlement agreement that is not deposited in the Michigan Merit Award Trust.

The grant requires NCMCF to endow half of each annual payment. The other half is spendable in the form of grants to programs that promote healthy youth and healthy seniors. NCMCF has formed an advisory committee made up of representatives from local health organizations, community tobacco reduction coalitions, and its Youth Advisory Council to oversee the distribution of the fund along with the earned income from the endowment.

NCMCF's Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee, comprised of members from each of its four counties (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon), is now accepting requests for funding. All non-profit

charitable organizations recognized under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, schools, churches, and government agencies are welcome to apply.

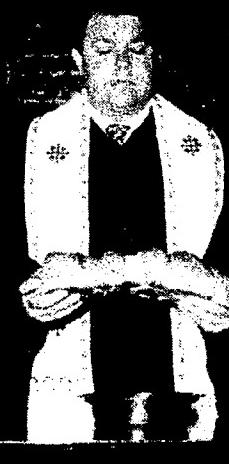
Eligible programs are those that would improve the health of youth and seniors, which may include, but are not limited to, programs that focus on health and nutrition, family counseling, early childhood development, smoking prevention and cessation, day care, preschool and after-school care.

Priority areas to be considered by these funds for youth are: violence and conflict resolution, access to dental care, behavioral risk factors including substance abuse and depression, community alternatives for recreation, and child care; and for seniors: pharmaceutical issues, prevention and managing chronic disease, long term care alternatives, mental health and aging including substance abuse and depression, work force and aging including discrimination and career opportunities.

For additional information and grant applications, please contact NCMCF at P.O. Box 824 - 701 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 or call (517) 275-3732.

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Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm

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## Frye - Myers united



Mr. and Mrs. David Myers

Jennifer Frye and David Myers were joined in marriage on December 5, 2000 atop the Empire State Building in New York City, New York. The bride is the daughter of Pete and Veronica Fernandez of Long Island, New York. She is serving in the Air Force currently stationed in Korea. The groom is the son of Richard and Judy Myers of

Grayling. He is also in the Air Force stationed in Virginia. Their children by marriage are Jacob, Jessica, Breanna, Jeffrey and Jordyn. The newlyweds honeymooned aboard a cruise to the Bahamas and Key West, Florida.

This day I married my best friend, the one I laugh with, live for, dream with, love.

## MILITARY NEWS

Matthew Kroell of Grayling, son of Martin and Marsha Kroell, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training as a Submarine Machinist Mate.

In one of over 60 diverse career fields in the Navy, Machinist Mates are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the ship's steam propulsion, turbogenerators, pumps, oil purifiers, and auxiliary equipment. They also operate and repair desalination plants, refrigeration plants, and hydraulic or pneumatic control devices.

One reason Recruit Kroell joined the Navy was to take advantage of the \$6,000 enlistment bonus. The Navy offers a wide range of programs to help with college, including tuition assistance for active duty personnel, the Montgomery G.I. Bill, the Navy College Fund (which offers up to \$50,000 for qualified recipients), and the NROTC programs.

A 2001 graduate of Grayling High School, Kroell will report for Basic Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois in July 2001. After technical training, Kroell will be assigned to one of the Navy's ships, squadrons or duty stations located around the world.

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### Card of Thanks

I want to express my gratitude to all my wonderful friends for all your cards, telephone calls and especially for your many prayers which were a tremendous help in aiding my recovery over the last few months.

Many thanks and love,  
Dorothy Walker

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: Never miss an opportunity to make others happy; even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

We have our traditional January thaw and with it, the dirty piles of snow and icy spots. Be sure to watch out for the ice and avoid going out if you don't have to.

The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner.

Jan. 18 - Italian Pork/Chicken and Dumplings; BP's taken 11 to noon; "Lucky 7" Casino trip at 9:30.

Jan. 19 - Home Pride Steak/no dinner; Pantry Bingo at 1; Legal Help at 1:30.

Jan. 21 - Sunday Pancake Brunch form 10 to 1.

Jan. 22 - Pork Stew/BBQ Chicken; "Hangman" at 5:30.

Jan. 23 - Tuna and Noodles/Mashed Potatoes; It's a "Freeto" day because you are free to do what you want to do.

Jan. 24 - Italian Round Steak/Breaded Chicken; Fun and Games at 12:30 and "Steel Magnolias" at 5:30 on the big screen T.V. - popcorn, of course and all for free.

Jan. 25 - Turkey and Dressing/Sweet and Sour Pork; Blood Pressures and Blood Sugars taken from 11 to noon; Cards at 5:30.

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Thought to leave you with: Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.

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### RESEARCH SUPPORTS THE FACTS

California Workmen's Compensation Study (1972), C. Richard Wolf, M.D.

Oregon Workmen's Compensation Study (1971), Rolland Martin, M.D., Director, Workmen's Compensation Board.

Examining the results of conservative therapy the majority received, it is interesting to note the results of those treated by chiropractic physicians.

A total of twenty-nine claimants were treated by no other physician than a chiropractor. 85% of these workers resumed work after one week of time loss. Their claims were closed without a disability award.

Examining claims treated by the M.D., in which the diagnosis seems comparable to the type of injury suffered by the workers treated by the chiropractor, 41% of these workers resumed work after one week of time loss.

Employees reporting complete recovery — 34.8% in the M.D.-treated group, 51% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Average lost time per employee — 32 days in the M.D.-treated group, 15.8 days in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting no lost time — 21% in the M.D.-treated group, 47.8% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting lost time in excess of 60 days — 13.2% in the M.D.-treated group, 8.7% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting complete recovery — 34.8% in the M.D.-treated group, 51% in the chiropractor-treated group.

For copies of the first two studies, contact the American Chiropractic Association, at 1701 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22201.

To review the last two studies visit your local library or contact the publications directly. American Chiropractic Association 1991

British Medical Research Council Study (1980) reported in the British Medical Journal for June 1980.

Results — Chiropractic treatment was more effective than hospital outpatient management, mainly for patients with chronic or severe back pain. A benefit of about 7% points on the Oswestry scale (between three quarters and twice as effective according to Dr. Tom Meads, medical researcher in charge of study) was seen at two years.

The benefit of chiropractic treatment became more evident throughout the follow up period. Secondary outcome measures also showed that chiropractic was more beneficial.

Conclusion — For patients with low back pain in whom manipulation is not contraindicated, chiropractic treatment certainly compares with hospital outpatient management. The benefit is seen mainly in those with chronic or severe pain. Introducing chiropractic into NHS practice should be considered.

Table 2: Use of Health Professionals With Low-Back Pain

All Subjects

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Education

Significance

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## Local preschoolers learn about snow and ambulances



Photos and information provided by Lisa Burmeister

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool had a wonderful holiday season. The children were able to have a

Christmas party with Santa and the exchange of books for presents. The children have begun learning about

all the properties of snow with the tremendous snowfall this winter. Shown above at left is the Monday,

Wednesday, Friday P.M. class of four-year olds, re-enacting the Reindeer Story. From front to back are Rachel Dubriwny, Jessica Lohr, Victoria Doster, Matthew Burrell, Logan Miller and Ashley Reaume.

Also, on October 24, 2000, the preschool was visited by North Flight EMS. The ambulance personnel educat-

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Crawford County Library

New memorials at the Crawford County Library donated by Ray Priebe Jr. for Keith A. Priebe in audio format are *Monster, Atlantis Found, Lion's Game, Dune, Act of Revenge, Worst Fears Realized, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, So Sure of Death, Maigret and the Madwoman, Moving Finger, Void Moon, Moment of Truth, False Memory, Angel Trumpet, Agatha Raisin and Vicious Vet, Garden of Evil, Sea Hunters, Sahara, Cold Case, The Patient, Blood Will Tell, Jubal Sackett, Terrible Hours, Honeymoon With Murder, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Wild Justice, He Shall Thunder in the Sky, The Rescue, Red Light, Beneath the Ashes, Agatha Raisin and the Walkers of Dembley, Black Spin, Omerta, The Sky is Falling, Last Precinct and Merrick*.

Cornell Agency Inc. donated *Flags of Our Fathers* for Howard (Whitey) Madsen, *Sports Quotations* for Robert Keene, *Dinners in a Dish or a Dash* for Florence Nelson, *First Mothers* for Doris Harland, *Hemingway on Fishing* for Robert Buell, *Great Places to Stay in Europe* for Carol Weiber, *Modern Muzzleloading for Whitetails* for William Jack (Pete) Millikin, and *Vegetable Gardener's Bible* for Edward Naujakas.

In honor of Lew and Barb Spasoff, the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries donated *Where Do Balloons Go? And Sail Away*.

For William File from Fick and Sons, *Story of Architecture* and *Stanley Complete Step-By-Step Book of Home Repair and Improvement*.

For Velda Marshall from Roberta Wright, *Setting Up Home* and *Bringing the Story Home*.

Mick and Sally McNamara donated *The O'Reilly Factor* for Howard (Whitey) Madsen and *Fishing Lure Collectibles* for William Jack (Pete) Millikin.

"Story time with Bea and Sandy" will start Saturday February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11 am at the Frederic Community Library.

Frederic High School Alumni donated *Home Made, Best Made* in memory of B. Ernestine Weaver.

New books include *Dr. Death by Kellerman, Speaking in Tongues* by Deaver, *A Heart for the Prairie* by Oke, *Constant Gardener* by Le

Carre, *Babe Book* by Miller, *Tin Collectors* by Francis in large print and *From the Corner of His Eye* by Dean Koontz.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Lovells Township Library** is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

**Beaver Creek Township Library** is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is (517) 275-2808.

**Frederic Community Library** is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

### United Way receives \$1,000 grant

The Crawford County United Way recently received a \$1,000 grant from the MichCon Foundation. The Foundation is the primary contribution mechanism for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

The grant is based on a formula which links it to the amount pledged by employees in last year's campaign. MichCon is the supplier of natural gas to this area.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant from the MichCon Foundation and appreciate their support, and the support of MichCon employees, to Crawford County."

said Don Schanz, United Way Executive Director.

"The United Way provides funding for 17 local agencies who provide help and support to Crawford County friends and neighbors. Without the generosity of businesses and individuals, this level of assistance would not be possible," Schanz concluded.

The United Way is still working to reach this year's goal of \$70,000. Anyone who wishes to help should send their check or money order to: United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

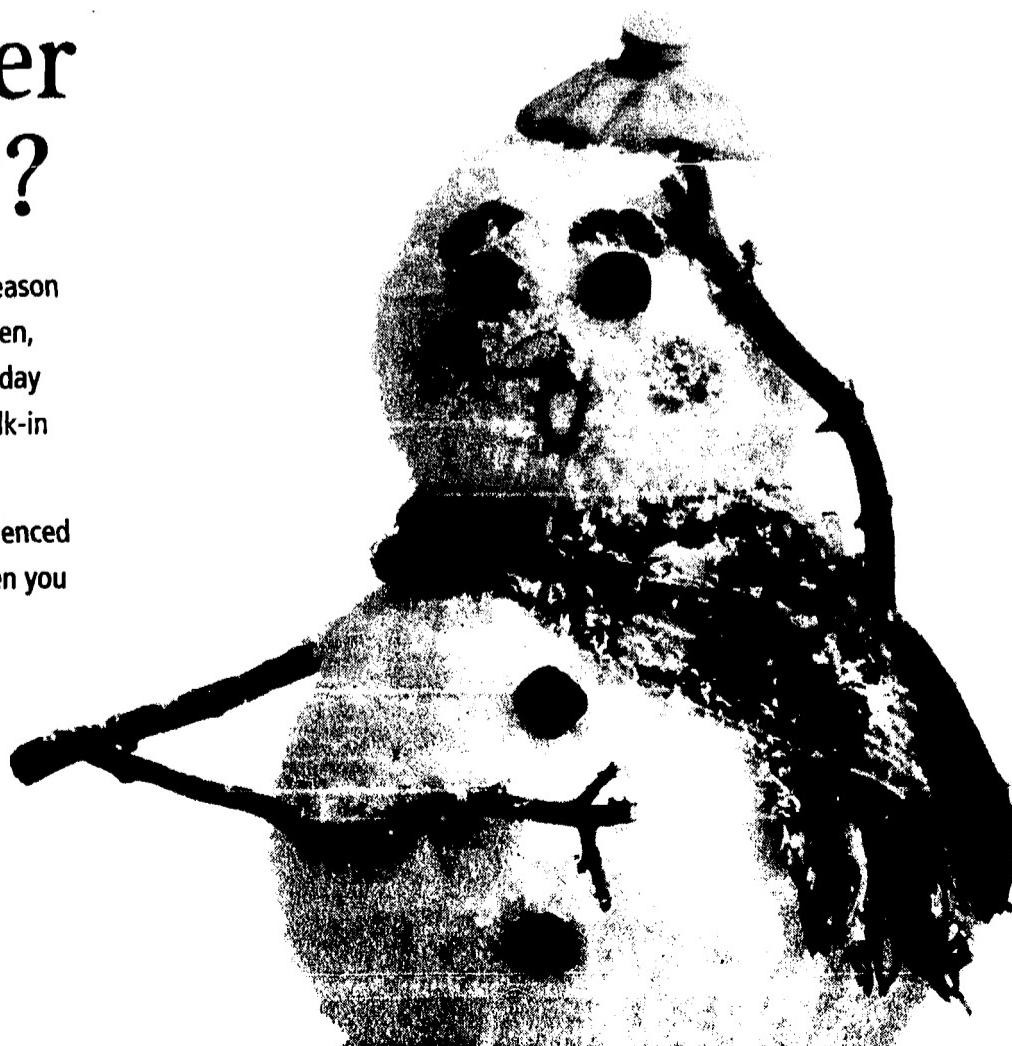
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## KCC/SVSU agreement gives new importance to degrees

Representatives from Kirtland Community College (KCC) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) met December 13, 2000 at Kirtland to sign articulation agreements which will facilitate the transition of students taking courses toward an Associate in Computer Science or an Associate in Computer Information Systems at Kirtland to the comparable Bachelor of Science degree at Saginaw Valley.

SVSU officials participating in the signing were Dr. Thomas Kullgren, Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology; Dr. Tai-Chi Lee, Chairman of Computer Science Department; Professor Randall Hock; Professor Moe Bidgoli; and Rebecca DeWald-Rahl, SVSU Transfer and Articulation Coordinator.

Representatives from Kirtland were Richard Silverman, Dean of Instruction and Education Services; Larry Murray, Instructor and Chairperson for General Education; and Kathleen Marsh, Instructor of Computer Information Systems and Chairperson for Career and Technical Studies.

Kirtland President Dr. Charles D. Rorie said the new agreements "are welcomed by Kirtland and give new importance to the College's Associate degree programs in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems."

Silverman said the agreement



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Dr. Thomas Kullgren (left) of Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) and Richard Silverman (right) of Kirtland Community College (KCC) sign articulation agreements at Kirtland on December 13, 2000. Other signing ceremony participants included, from left: Professor Moe Bidgoli (SVSU), Dr. Tai-Chi Lee (SVSU), student Amber Matthews (KCC), Professor Randall Hock (SVSU), student Arthur Nietiedt (KCC), instructor and chairperson for General Education Larry Murray (KCC), Instructor Lisa Balbach (KCC), instructor and Chairperson - Career & Technical Studies Kathleen Marsh (KCC).

allows Kirtland students who successfully complete the course requirements to transfer up to 62 credit hours toward the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Computer Science at SSVU. He said the signatories of the agreement will keep annual contact and com-

municate with each other on any curricular or other changes which may affect the agreement. The document will also be reviewed and updated if necessary every three years. These are the fourth and fifth agreements between the two schools allowing KCC students to transfer

credits in specific programs to SSVU. The other agreements cover criminal justice, elementary education and nursing. A lengthy agreement is also held with Ferris State University.

## Grants awarded for Criminal Justice Training

A pair of grants totaling more than \$144,000 will assist Kirtland Community College in meeting the continuing education needs of area law enforcement and corrections officers.

The Michigan Justice Training Commission approved the competitive grants on December 21. Kirtland qualified for \$104,134 to provide law enforcement in-service training and \$40,449 to provide similar training for area jail employees.

The in-service programs are offered through a pair of training organizations for which Kirtland's criminal Justice Office serves as the operating agency. The Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Consortium was established more than two decades ago. Membership includes more than a dozen county sheriff departments; around 25 city, village and township police departments; one Native American tribal police agency and a Michigan State Police post. The membership area reaches from Mt. Pleasant to Mackinaw City and from Alpena to Elk Rapids. The

Corrections Training Consortium of Northern Michigan was founded in 1999 and serves sheriff departments in the same geographical area.

The 2001 law enforcement in-service schedule includes: 5 one-day classes, each to be offered at five locations; a 16-hour Radar Certification course to be offered twice in Grayling; an 80-hour evidence Technician Training program to be taught at Kirtland; a three-day Precision Driving School; and 2 eight-hour Precision Driving Refreshers to be presented in Grayling. Also scheduled are six sessions of ALERT (Advanced Law Enforcement Refresher Training), a five-day program that provides recertification in Blood-borne Pathogens/CPR/First Aid, Defensive Tactics, Hazardous Materials and Emergency Vehicle Operations, along with refresher training in several other key subjects.

Corrections officers will have a choice of four locations at which to attend each of 4 one-day classes. Another one-day class will be offered in three locations, while an

8-hour Defensive Tactics Update will be presented twice in Roscommon. The corrections schedule also includes a couple of three-day programs, each to be offered at two locations, and a 160-hour Local Corrections Academy to be taught at Kirtland.

Officers interested in obtaining more information about Kirtland's Criminal Justice in-service programs may contact the College at (517) 275-5000, ext. 283, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

## Cast selected for Steel Magnolias

Kirtland Center Players has announced the cast for its next theatre production, "Steel Magnolias," a comedy/drama in two acts by Robert Harling.

The Kirtland Center Players' production of "Steel Magnolias" will feature Melanie Ross (Grayling) as Truvy Jones, Kelli Willett (Roscommon) as Shelby Eatenton-Larcherie, Jessica Meyers (Houghton Lake) as Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, Kelly Price (St. Helen) as Clairee Belcher, Emily Vajda (Roscommon) as M'Lynn Eatenton, and Natascha McCuan (Grayling) as Ouiser Boudreaux.

The production will be directed by Jeani Vermillion (West Branch);

Steve Coe (Grayling) will design the scenery; Trisha Price (St. Helen) is in charge of costumes; Brandi Vermillion and Blair Cappell (West Branch) are the stage managers; Rose and Paul Berger (Houghton Lake) will assist with props/lights/scene changes; and Steve Webb (Roscommon) is in charge of sound.

"Steel Magnolias" will be performed on February 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gilbert I Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and are available by calling the Kirtland Center Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

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## Shelter members air concerns

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down and have the type of meeting I believe is contemplated by the by-laws," he said.

"Having said that," he said, "I don't have anything further to add because of the nature of the meeting you are having and I appreciate you giving me a little bit of time to address this group. Certainly, Sharon can go through the definition of what constitutes a membership, but I'm convinced there are a number of people out there that probably are members that have not been put on the rolls," Burmeister said and added the board would be interested in any information anybody had regarding membership.

One member of the audience stated she understood that written requests for a special meeting had been made to the shelter board as required in the by-laws. Burmeister said he was aware of three requests that he plans to address, and said there may be more that he is unaware of, then stated, "Before we can have a special meeting, we have to have an accurate list of members. We don't have that and there are a lot of reasons why we don't have that, which I really don't need to get into here.

But, until that happens... until there is an accounting of those members, we can't have the kind of meeting the people are asking for."

Other members of the audience asked who hired Burmeister to represent the shelter, and he said he is doing the work for free and because the situation between the organization and Dixie Lobsinger was now in litigation, he would have to respond to anything further in the courtroom. With that, he left the room.

No one in the room claimed to be aware of the lawsuit Burmeister spoke of.

Priebe again explained the importance of establishing an accurate accounting of the membership to allow those in good standing to vote in the future.

She also reminded everyone that there has been "besmirching of names and things said" out in the community about both sides and asked for the rumors to stop, but encouraged everyone to fill out a membership form.

There was much discussion by members of the audience and questions asked about the legitimacy of the board if those who believe they are members, according to the by-

laws, were not notified of meetings and therefore could not nominate or elect members of the board. They aired their concerns that Burmeister did not reveal who sought his legal services.

Not long after Priebe thanked Burmeister for speaking to the group and the attorney departed, did he serve Lobsinger with the very lawsuit to which he referred, while the meeting was still in progress.

The complaint was filed on behalf of the "Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., A not for Profit Corporation" by Burmeister on January 8 in 46th Circuit Trial Court. It is case number 01-5370-NZ and is considered public record. The complaint states there is "more than \$25,000 in controversy" and contains four counts against Lobsinger: Count I - Nuisance; Count II - Trespass; Count III - Demand for Accounting, and Count IV - Request for Authority to Hold Special Meeting. The complaint does state the organization makes no specific demands for monetary relief at present time because the Plaintiff has not been able to determine the extent of business conducted by Lobsinger.

Lobsinger has 21 days from the date of service (January 11) to answer the complaint. When asked for her reaction to the lawsuit, Lobsinger said she was most certainly surprised and that she hopes an attorney will step forward to help with her defense, at little or no cost, as those who filed the complaint have received.

During an interview on January 15, Burmeister once again made the statement he is representing the organization, not the board; however he stated the names of those who sought his legal services is "privileged information." When asked why he decided to take on this case, he said, "I don't think the tail ought to wag the dog and I thought what Ms. Lobsinger was doing was wrong."

Priebe said she has organized a small group of volunteers to gather membership forms to aid in the accurate accounting of the membership and plans to deliver them to the board shortly. In the meantime, she said a meeting is still scheduled for February 2 at 7 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe for members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. and anyone else interested in attending.

## Medallion Hunt to start on January 29

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the fun of finding the other ones.

The following businesses donated gift certificates for this year's Medallion Hunt: Albies, B.C. Pizza, Bicycle Shop, Big Boy Restaurant, Blockbuster Video, Bloomin' Grape, Boards & Beyond, Bronco Amoco, Buccilli's Pizza, Caid's Grocery, Carquest Auto Parts, Chief Shoppenagons, China West, Comfort Center, Crawford County Avalanche, Dally's Party Store, Davis Jewelers, Dubois Lumber, Flowers By Josie, Frederic Inn, Gold Star Trailers, Grayling Auto Repair, Grayling Ford, Grayling Recreation, Grayling Red Barn,

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Sylvester's Sport Shop, Gannon Broadcasting, and the Crawford County Avalanche are also sponsoring this year's Medallion Hunt.

There is no entry fee to participate

in the Medallion Hunt. Medallions are hidden on public property somewhere in Crawford County. They are not buried beneath the ground; however, they might be under some snow due to the large amount we have received. Medallions might be under something, over something, wedged or tied to an object. They might be right next to a road, or you may have to get out and walk -- a long ways.

No dangerous stunts, such as climbing towers, diving into the river, walking on thin lake ice, or going into culverts are required to find a medallion, but please use caution wherever you travel. If you use

a snowmobile, please stay off the cross country ski trails.

During each day of the hunt, at least one, possibly more, of the sponsoring businesses will have a "special" clue to hand out. All you need to do is go in and ask for the "special" clue. If a business was picked as one of the sponsors of the day, a clue will be available there.

A lot of time and effort has been put into this year's hunt, and all hunters are asked to show good sportsmanship by not cheating and causing the hunt to be canceled, as was the case eight years ago. Please honor the finder of a medallion by not yanking it out of their hands, and do not give other medallions to close family members.

Remember, "Do not be greedy," and help keep the hunt alive. Good Luck, and happy "trails" to you.

## GPD officer assaulted; two 19-year olds charged

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responded to a call for back up and officers entered the home once the homeowner arrived. The second young man was arrested after another scuffle.

Both young men are 19-year old Grayling residents and were arrested on charges of Resisting and Obstructing, as well as Assaulting an Officer, a felony. Nicholas Lovely and Shawn VanDuinen were arraigned on the charges in 83rd District Court on January 2 before the Honorable John G. Hunter. Both men were scheduled for preliminary examinations on January 16.

Also present at the home was 18-year old Nick Kettler, who plead guilty to the charge of Minor in Possession in District Court on January 9 and paid a \$110 fine. He was not involved in the scuffles.

Grayling Police report neither Lovely or VanDuinen received any injuries during the two scuffles; however, DeVries went to Mercy Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

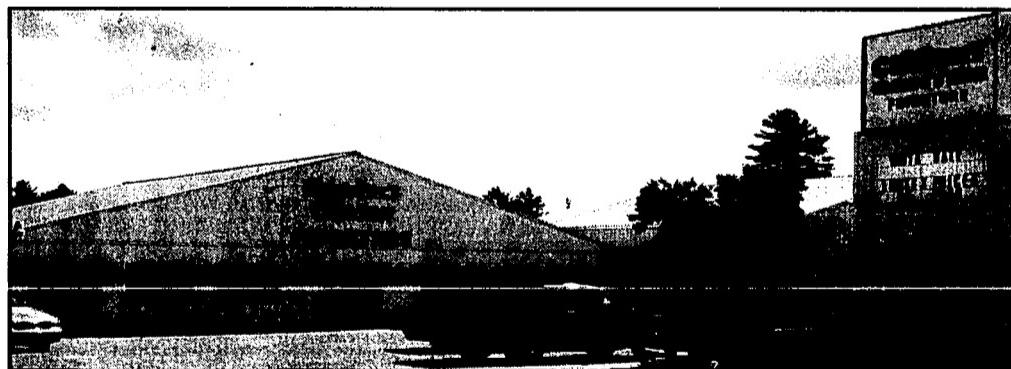
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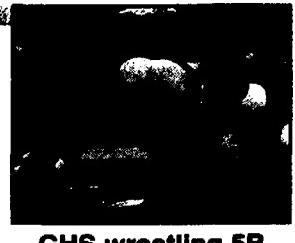


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## Ski event to raise money for River House

► Cross country ski outing planned for February 4 at Hanson Hills

Hanson Hills, River House Shelter, Rugged Elegance Adventure Tours, and the Cross Country Ski Shop are teaming up to organize the Hanson Hills Women's Non-competitive Ski Event, slated for February 4. The event will be a fund-raiser to benefit the River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services.

Participants are encouraged to gather pledges for the 7-kilometer (4.4-mile) cross country ski event. Entry fees will be waived for those who raise more than \$25 in paid pledges, and prizes will be awarded to the top fund raisers.

Entry fees are: \$15 pre-registration, and \$20 on the day of the event. On the day of the event (Sunday, January 4) registration will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Hanson Hills Main Lodge.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Cross Country Ski Shop, Hanson Hills, The Copy Shop, and several other local businesses. Completed forms and payment should be mailed to River House Shelter (P.O. Box 661, Grayling MI, 49738) or brought to Hanson Hills on the day of the event.

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is a four-county agency including Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. The in-house shelter is located in Grayling with outreach offices in Mio and West Branch.

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See "SKI EVENT..."

## K of C holds annual free throw contest

Twelve winners advance to District Finals at Gaylord St. Mary's

► 37 local youths participate in 2001 Knight of Columbus free throw shoot-out

This year's annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, which featured 37 young shooters, was held this past Saturday at Grayling Middle School.

Bill Nielson of K of C, one of the event organizers, said more girls showed up for this year's free throw contest, and the crowd of family and friends was large and vocal in cheering on the contestants.

The winners, by age group and division (male or female), of this year's K of C Free Throw Contest were:

Boys - Jordan Helsel, 9; Jimmy Osga, 10; Scot Olson, 11; Zac Baker, 12; Ryan Davis, 13; Matt Swope, 14;

Girls - Samantha Schreiber, 9; Rachel Doremire, 10; Audrey Alimenti, 11; Jenna Frankowski, 12; Trisha Peterson, 13; Laura Gorski, 14.

The 12 winners all advance to the District Finals competition, which will be held on February 3 at 2 p.m. at the Gaylord St. Mary's gymnasium.

## Vikings win two league battles

Varsity squad now 4-1 in North East Michigan Conference

► GHS basketball team wins close games against West Branch, Pinconning

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team won two conference battles last week, one at home and one on the road, to move to 4-1 in the North East Michigan Conference.

Last Friday, the Vikings defeated West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling by a final score of 54-50. The match was a defensive battle, pitting a large Falcon team against a smaller, scrappy Vikings squad. The game was close for four quarters.

Grayling struck first with put-backs by Marcus Marelich and Dave Golnick. Golnick, Marelich, Dan Mead, and Marcus Bobenmoyer battled hard down low all game against Ogemaw's larger players.

West Branch tied the contest at 4-4 with a shot inside and two free throws. A triple by Levi Burkett with 5:45 left in the first quarter put GHS up 7-4.

Brad Gorski scored two free throws at the 3:17 mark to put Grayling up 9-6. Nick D'Amour scored the final bucket of the first period to give the Vikings a one-point edge, 11-10, heading into the second quarter.

Burkett opened the second period with a jump shot, then Ogemaw scored a basket inside to pull back within one. The Vikings then scored nine unanswered points to take a 10-point lead, 22-12. The run included a triple by Burkett, a tip-in by Bobenmoyer, and four (of four) free throws by Burkett.

Two Ogemaw shots from inside the key brought the Falcons within

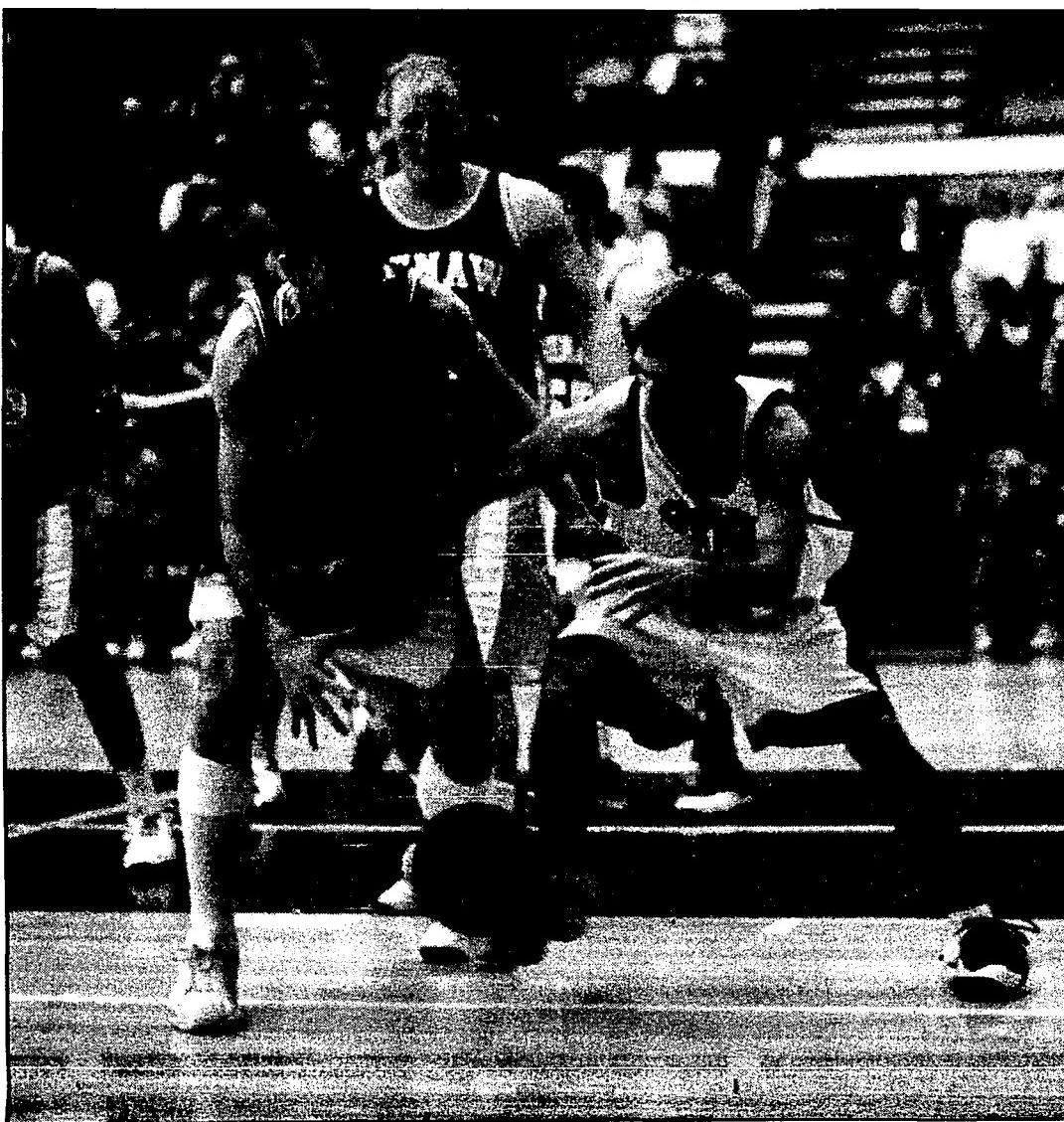


Photo by Caleb Casey

Marcus Marelich fights for a loose ball in the game against West Branch on Friday.

six points of Grayling's lead. A shot inside by Mead on an assist from Burkett put GHS up by eight. West Branch scored a bucket, then Mead connected on another shot inside, again on a pass from Burkett.

With 1:20 left in the first half, Gorski scored a lay-up on an assist from Bobenmoyer to put Grayling

back up by 10, 28-18.

West Branch scored a triple and a shot inside to cut the Grayling lead to five by halftime. The Vikings went into the locker room with a 28-23 lead after two quarters of play.

The Vikings opened the second half scoring with a jumper by Burkett and a lay-up by

Bobenmoyer. A jumper by Burkett at the 6:13 mark put Grayling up by nine, 34-25.

West Branch began to surge. The Falcons scored a triple, then hit three more baskets to tie the game at 34-34 with 3:47 left in the third quarter.

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."

## 8th grade 'white' team moves to 5-0

► Vikings win fourth, fifth straight games by defeating Bucks, Blazers

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (white) team improved its season record to a perfect 5-0 last week with wins over Roscommon and Kalkaska. The team won both games by large margins.

On Monday, the Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 49-20 at Kalkaska. D.J. Metzler scored 24 points in the game to lead Grayling's offensive attack. Alex McNamara, Tim Umlor, Tyler Cragg, Matt Swope, Russ Peters, Josh Millikin, and Nick Terry also scored for GMS in the match.

"Point guard D.J. Metzler took control early, playing strong at both ends, scoring 16 points in the first half," said Coach Gary Summers. "The entire team combined strong defense with patient offense as eight players scored. The team realizes with lots of hustle, they can be very successful this season. I'm very proud of them."

The Vikings posted a 32-point victory over the Bucks of Roscommon last Wednesday in Grayling, winning the contest by a final score of 46-14.

*The victory moved Grayling's overall record to 5-0.*

Metzler was the scoring leader for GMS with 12 points. Terry added nine, Peters scored eight, Millikin finished with six, Umlor scored four, and McNamara, Swope and Adam Gilbert each added two points to the team scoring effort.

"I'm very pleased with the number of players contributing each game on offense," said Coach Summers. "We stress defense, and Continued on Page 2B  
See "8TH GRADE..."

Photo by Caleb Casey

## Snowmobile group hosts trail stop event



Photo by Caleb Casey

Hundreds of snowmobilers stopped by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association's trail stop on Saturday, January 13, for a free hot dog and a cup of hot cocoa or coffee. The association, which maintains about 70 miles of snowmobile trail in Crawford County, raises money at trail stops through donations and club sign-ups. For more on Saturday's event, see Page 10B.

The winners of this year's K of C Free Throw Contest: (front, left to right) Jordan Helsel, Jimmy Osga, Rachel Doremire, Audrey Alimenti, Trisha Peterson, Samantha Schreiber; (back, left to right) Marilyn Neuberger (K of C), Scot Olson, Matt Swope, Ryan Davis, Laura Gorski, Jenna Frankowski, Zac Baker, Bill Nielson (K of C).

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## Vikings win two league battles

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At the 2:17 mark, Burkett scored a three-pointer to give GHS a 37-34 lead. The Falcons scored a basket to pull within one. With 1:05 left in the third quarter, Burkett scored a jump shot to put Grayling up by three.

With 51 seconds left in the third period, Gorski was fouled on a three-point attempt. The basket went in, and Gorski hit the free throw for a four-point play.

With 34 seconds left in the quarter, Gorski drove to the basket, was fouled, and hit the free throw for a three-point play. The quick seven points gave the Vikings some much-needed momentum after the Falcons had tied the match.

The Vikings led 46-38 after three quarters of play.

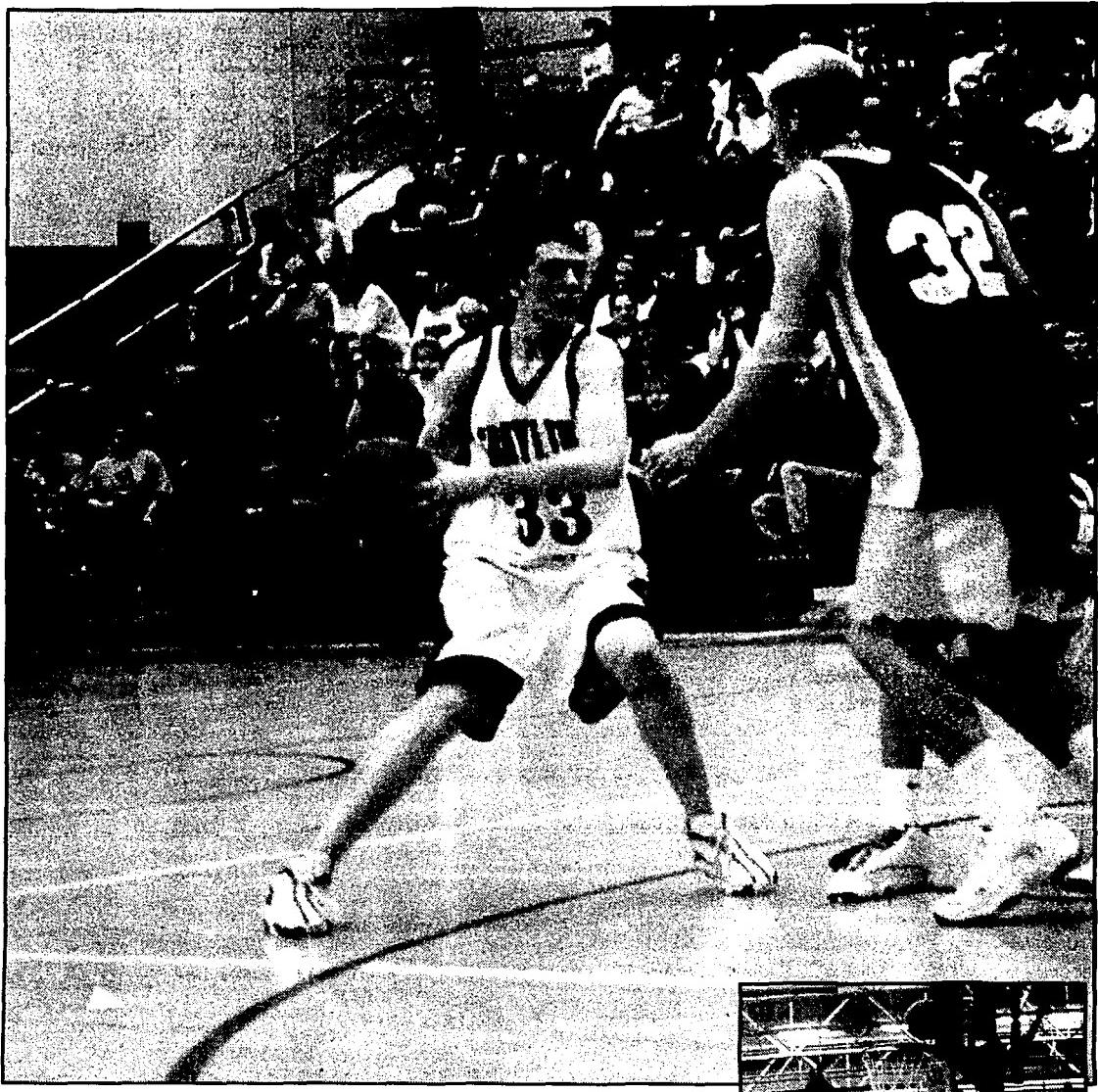
Two shots by Ogemaw pulled the Falcons within five, 47-42. Grayling killed some time off the clock with controlled passing, then West Branch scored a lay-up on a steal to cut Grayling's lead to three, 47-44.

Burkett hit a jumper at the other end to put GHS back up by five. Two free throws by West Branch at the 3:54 mark brought Ogemaw back within three.

Gorski scored on a drive to the basket. West Branch answered to keep Grayling's edge at three points.

With 1:45 left in the game, Marelich rebounded a West Branch miss. Burkett scored a jumper on a pass by Gorski (at the 1:08 mark) to give the Vikings a five-point advantage, 53-48.

With 47 seconds left in the game, West Branch scored a basket inside to pull within three. The Falcons fouled Gorski to stop the clock at 0:27.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Marcus Bobenmoyer controls the ball for Grayling.**

Gorski missed the one and one foul shot, but Bobenmoyer brought down the rebound. The Falcons fouled Bobenmoyer with 10 seconds left on the clock. Bobenmoyer went to the line for a one and one opportunity with Grayling's lead at three. He hit the first shot to put Grayling up by four, making it a two-possession game for West Branch.

Ogemaw rebounded the miss on the second shot and went for three at the other end. Gorski grabbed the rebound as the final seconds ticked away. The Vikings won by a final score of 54-50.

"Our kids showed a lot of character tonight," said Coach Rich Moffit. "I thought our kids did a nice job of playing defense, especially collapsing on their big kids."

"Our big kids were the unsung heroes of this game," continued Moffit. "Marcus Marelich and Dave Golnick grabbed some key rebounds and made some great hustle plays. Dan Mead and Larry Baynham gave us a boost coming off the bench."

Moffit said West Branch was

missing one key player and had one athlete on floor playing with an injury, adding, "They will be a factor in the league."

Burkett was Grayling's leading scorer in the West Branch game with 25 points. Gorski finished with 15 points, 10 assists, and seven rebounds for a double-double. Marelich was Grayling's leading rebounder with eight. Bobenmoyer and Golnick each finished with four boards.

The Vikings shot 72% at the free throw line (10/14), and had only 12 turnovers in the game.

On Tuesday, the Vikings mounted a big comeback against the Pinconning Spartans at Pinconning, winning the match by a final score of 59-56.

Pinny led 33-18 at halftime, but the Vikings outscored the Spartans 41-23 in the second half to win the game by three points.

"Obviously, we struggled in the first half," said Coach Moffit. "You have to give our kids a ton of credit for coming out in the second half and playing with the emotion, heart, and hustle that we displayed. We



Brad Gorski scores a lay-up in the West Branch game.

came back and won a game that many people thought was over at halftime. I am very proud of our kids and the character that they showed."

Gorski was the team's leading scorer with 27 points, 10 assists, and seven rebounds. Burkett added 12 points. Bobenmoyer was Grayling's top rebounder with 10. Marelich grabbed nine boards.

The Vikings are now 4-1 in the NEMC, 5-2 overall.

On Friday, January 19, the Vikings will host the Tawas Braves.

## 7th graders win one, lose 2 close games

► Vikings win by 22 against WB, fall to Kalkaska Blazers, Roscommon Bucks

The GMS 7th grade (green) boys basketball team defeated West Branch 38-16 in its first match after holiday break, then lost two close games last week to fall to 2-3 for the season.

On January 3, the Vikings finished 22 points ahead of West Branch in Grayling, 38-16.

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"Everything came together: good defense, hustle, and balanced scoring," said Coach Mark Hartman.

Robert Starks was the GMS scoring leader with 13 points. Reagan Schmidt, Kellen Quigley, Mitchell Salyers, Zach Dean, Nate Helsel, and Neil Cook also scored for Grayling in the match.

Last Monday, the Vikings lost a close match to the Kalkaska Blazers in Grayling by a final score of 25-22. The team fought back from a nine-point deficit at halftime, but came up a little short at the end.

"With a strong defense in the third quarter, the Vikings came within one point, but just couldn't get the lead," said Coach Hartman.

The Vikings will play at Kalkaska on Monday, January 22. On January 24, the team will host Gaylord.

## 8th grade 'white' team moves to 5 wins, 0 losses

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it's providing offensive opportunities in every game. These kids work hard in practice and it's been paying off. They seem to be having fun, too.

I appreciate their hard work."

The team will host Kalkaska on Monday, January 22. On Wednesday, January 24, the Vikings will play at Gaylord.

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# Varsity volleyball team defeats Standish

► Grayling girls win at SSC, fall to Bay City, compete in Gaylord tourney

The Grayling High School girls volleyball team faced some tough competition on the road last week with meets at Bay City John Glenn and Standish Sterling Central and a tournament in Gaylord.

The Vikings put in a good effort against Bay City John Glenn on Wednesday, January 10, but couldn't pull out the win.

"A hard week on the road," said Coach Angie Golnick. "Bay City was a good stepping stone. We fought hard, but couldn't finish with the win."

Grayling's hitting leaders against BCJG were: Kristy Hulbert, 5 kills, 10 assists; Jamie Dent, 7 assists, 2 aces; Arica Wolcott, 3 aces, 2 blocks, 3 kills, 10 digs; Lori Hinkle, 4 kills, 4 blocks; Ashley Wolcott, 2 aces, 16 digs; Emily Fox, 10 digs.

On Thursday, January 11, the Vikings defeated the Standish Panthers at Standish 2-1 with scores of 15-4, 10-5, 15-5.

"At Standish we played tough. We won the first game 15-4 then struggled at the beginning of the second. Standish had three good volleys but we worked back to the

win in the third."

Leaders for GHS were: Fox, 10 digs, 7 aces; Ashley Wolcott, 3 kills, 12 digs; Hinkle, 8 kills, 10 digs, 4 aces, 3 blocks; Arica Wolcott, 5 kills, 5 digs, 3 aces, 17 assists; Hulbert, 3 kills, 20 assists, 6 digs, 6 aces.

The Vikings competed in a third road competition on Saturday with the Gaylord Tournament. Grayling lost a pair of close matches to Sault Ste. Marie, split with Gladwin, and fell to Alpena and Gaylord.

"At Gaylord the team was exhausted," said Coach Golnick. "We lost to Gaylord, split with Gladwin, and lost to Alpena. They wanted to win against the Sault. The girls worked hard to win, but fell short 16-14 in the first and 15-12 in the second."

Grayling's hitting leaders against BCJG were: Kristy Hulbert, 26 assists, 5 aces, 7 kills, 12 digs; Dent, 34 assists, 4 aces, 3 kills, 16 digs; Arica Wolcott, 5 aces, 9 blocks, 11 kills, 24 digs; Hinkle, 4 aces, 7 blocks, 13 kills, 15 aces; Ashley Wolcott, 5 aces, 4 kills, 42 digs; Fox, 6 kills, 40 digs.

"The girls are building great chemistry," said Coach Golnick. "Hopefully, this momentum will carry through this week against Gladwin at home."

On Wednesday, January 24, the Vikings will host Pinconning at 6:15 p.m.



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Arica Wolcott (center)** handles a serve while Tab Harney (left) and Lori Hinkle (right) get ready to make a play.

## GHS skiers keep league win streak alive

► Boys team opens conference meet schedule with a victory over Clare

At the ski team's first double dual meet of the season last Thursday, the Viking boys team kept its league winning streak alive by defeating Clare 35-38 at Snowsnake Mountain.

The boys team was undefeated in conference meets in each of the past two seasons, and with the win against Clare last week, the squad's league meet win streak now stands at 24.

Against Clare, the girls team stayed close to Clare in slalom, trailing 20-16, but lost the giant slalom (GS) 26-12 and the meet 46-28.

The top skier for the Grayling girls team was Kelly Jansen, who placed 3rd in slalom and 4th in GS. Andria Alvarez placed 4th and 5th; Lesley Gilbert was 6th in slalom and 8th in GS; freshman Heather Vandecar placed 7th and 9th; and Shalee Cox placed 9th and 10th.

"Our top two girls are the only girls on the team with more than a

year of racing experience," said Coach Mike Wieland. "The others are improving every day, and we expect to win a few meets soon."

The boys competition was as close as the score indicates.

"Clare has some excellent athletes and took us right to the final racer," said Coach Wieland.

Seniors Matt Ginther and Paul Jansen led the way for Grayling. Ginther placed 2nd in slalom and 1st in GS, and Jansen took 3rd in both races.

Eric Hunter placed 11th in slalom out of 12 racers, but put the meet-winning run down the hill as Grayling's last racer placing 5th in GS. Keil Clough placed 4th in slalom and disqualified in GS. Eric Hart placed 10th in both races.

"Senior and a four-year racer Derek Quick was in school during the meet after missing several days due to illness. The younger racers were really challenged to step up and help continue our undefeated streak of league meets," said Coach Wieland. "Five of our six racers' scores were used to defeat Clare -- a good team effort."

Due to illness, only one skier competed for the Vikings in the "B" team competition. Freshman Matt

Seager didn't let being outnumbered bother him; he won both slalom and GS events, defeating the Clare "B" team.

The Vikings will ski at Silver Ridge on Thursday, January 18, against Farwell and Harrison. On Thursday, January 25, the Vikings will host Roscommon and Farwell at Hanson Hills at 3 p.m.

<b>Wendy's</b>	
<b>Vikings of the Week</b>	
Emily Fox	Kristy Hulbert
Varsity Volleyball Coach: Angie Golnick <b>EMILY FOX &amp; KRISTY HULBERT</b>	
Eric's 5th place in giant slalom as the last skier down the hill assured the Vikings of their 3-point win over Clare last week. Kelly led the girls team with a 3rd in slalom and a 4th in GS.	

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High Game: D. Canfield, 269; P. Hetrick, 231; L. Davis, II, 229.  
High Series: D. Canfield, 662; J. Helsel, 653; P. Hetrick, 621.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlies Country Corner.....13 - 7  
Gray Rock Cafe.....12 - 8  
LAR-BEV KFC.....12 - 8  
Double Trouble.....12 - 8  
Moshier Auto Repair.....11 - 9  
Aunt Bettys.....10-10  
C.U.P.S.....7 - 13  
Fick & Sons.....3 - 17  
High Game Men: D. Germain, 257;  
R. Case, 212; D. Yanniello, 204.  
High Series Men: D. Germain, 619;  
R. Case, 564; P. Lewis, 503.

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North Michigan Financial.....47 - 29  
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Rose Owen.....25 - 51  
High Game: D. Medina, 218; M. Miller, 216; L. Holtecamp, 210.  
High Series: M. Miller, 550; L. Holtecamp, 534; D. Medina, 529.

### Sunday Night Mixed

Wakeley's Auto Parts.....14 - 0  
Legion Lanes.....11.5 - 2.5  
Helsel Brother's.....7.5 - 6.5  
R & M Masonry.....7 - 7  
M.I.A.S.....7 - 7  
Custom Interior.....5 - 9  
Waste Management.....2 - 12

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### High Game Women: S. Johnson, 201; D. Medina, 197; K.E. King, 182.

High Series Women: S. Johnson, 517; D. Medina, 510; M. Moshier, 473.

### Billy's

High Game Men: R. Adkinson, 236;

J. Helsel, 204; D. Canfield, 198.

High Series Men: J. Helsel, 599; R.

Adkinson, 596; T. Herblet, 537.

High Game Women: M. Starks, 208;

M. Miller, 193; T. Haight, S.

Romain and Berki, 186.

High Series Women: S. Romain, 532; M. Miller, 530; M. Starks, 503.

### Triangle

G.G.S.....14 - 6

Barber Construction.....12 - 8

A-H Rental.....11 - 9

Moshier Refrigeration.....10-10

Gray Rock Cafe.....10-10

Moshier Auto Repair.....10-10

Bancroft Const.....10-10

High Game: J. DuBois, 229; J. Hunt,

226; J. Hunt, 212.

High Series: J. Hunt, 596; J.

DuBois, 583; T. Williams, 580.

### Recreation

Cornell.....10.5 - 5.5

Skyline Ski &amp; C.C.....10 - 6

Scheer Motors.....10 - 6

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Glen's.....7 - 9

Peterson Saw Service.....6 - 10

Mickey Perez.....3.5 - 12.5

High Game: M. Starks, 221; V.

Balmes, 215; D. Mead, 214.

High Series: V. Balmes, 579; P.

D'Amour, 529; D. Mead, 507.

### Seniors

Lucky Strikers.....1 - 3

Millikins.....0 - 4

Avalanche.....0 - 4

High Game: J. Coors, 202; C.

Jones, 200; M. Kroell, 199.

High Series: J. Hatfield, 544; C.

Jones, 527; P. Dixon, 517.

Grayling Pharmacy.....41 - 27

Tees 'N Such.....39.5 - 28.5

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Cornell Insurance.....29.5 - 38.5

Baynham Wood.....27.5 - 40.5

High Game Men: L. Crampton,

231; L. Essiambre, 221; K. Harris,

202.

High Series Men: L. Essiambre,

555; O. Brantley, 542; L.

Crampton, 542.

High Game Women: V. Westover,

183; D. Mead, 180; A. Roman, 167.

High Series Women: V. Westover,

503; D. Mead, 452; P. Harris and R.

Joyce, 428.

### National First

Hellebuyck Masonry.....14 - 0

Hart Pontiac-GMC.....10 - 4

Northern Whitetail.....9 - 5

Legion Lanes.....7 - 7

Swamp II.....5 - 9

Forest Brothers.....4 - 10

Miller's Production.....4 - 10

Faustman's Insurance.....3 - 11

High Game: D. Henning, 279; M.

Smith, 258; G. Wolfe, 245.

High Series: M. Smith 662, D.

Henning, 628; D. Canfield, 625.

### Pioneer

Chemical Bank.....4 - 0

Aunt Betty's.....4 - 0

Custom Interior.....3 - 1

Lady Slippers.....3 - 1

Ginger's.....1 - 3

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## HANSON HILLS SKI RACE CLINIC

The Citizen's Bank free ski race clinic at Hanson Hills got off to a good start this past weekend with 19 participants. Skiers learn to race from their peers and members of the high school ski team.

The kids were eager to start racing this weekend after the clinic had technical difficulties the previous weekend. Event organizers encourage children to give the clinic a try, for the fun and for the competition. Most age groups only had one or two participants this week, and races would be

more exciting if more kids were able to participate, organizers said. Young skiers might just finish first just by giving it a try.

The race clinic is free to children from pre-school through eighth grade. Practice starts at about 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The kids are required to have a lift ticket and ski equipment, but there is no additional cost to take part in the ski clinic.

At this week's race, Bradley Briggs finished 1st for the pre-school and kindergarten boys. Melissa Kalonich

took 1st for the first and second grade girls: Laura Brackenbury finished 1st for the third and fourth grade girls: Mike Olson led the way for the third and fourth grade boys, Trent Larm was 2nd, Chas Sloan 3rd; Avery Diola placed 1st in the fifth and sixth grade girls division, Rachael Doremire was 2nd, Jessica Riddle 3rd, and Gabby Calkins 4th; Kody Diola topped the fifth and sixth grade boys, Paul Brown was 2nd.

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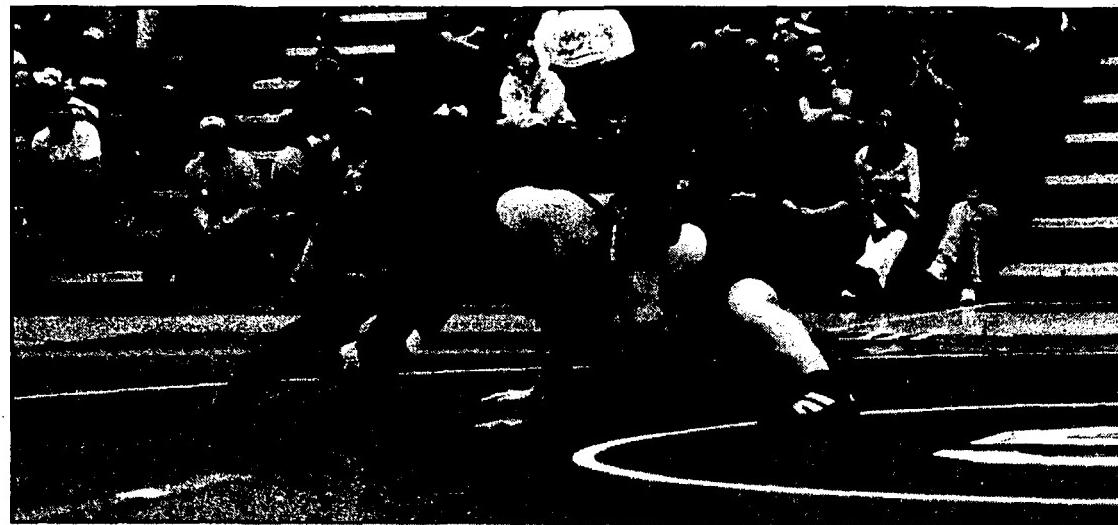
# GHS wrestlers split at dual meet

► Vikings defeat Beal City by a big margin, fall to the G's of Gladwin

The GHS wrestling team split a dual meet last Thursday, dominating Beal City 42-3 but falling to Gladwin 58-18. The team also competed in a nine-team tournament at Oscoda on Saturday.

In the dual meet on Thursday, held at Gladwin, Victor CdeBaca (189), Chris Peters (171), and Aaron Rosecrans (215) each won both of their matches. Adam Malone (112), Mike Gassman (119), Tom Barnett (125), Darryl Babbitt (140), and Jessie Mooneyham (145) also won matches for Grayling at the meet.

On Saturday, Viking wrestlers competed against athletes from



Grayling wrestler Victor CdeBaca (189) grapples with an opponent.

eight other northern Michigan schools: Onaway, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Gaylord, Gladwin, Alpena, Tawas, and Kalkaska.

Peters (171) and CdeBaca (189) each took first place in their weight divisions. Andy Palmer (125) took 3rd, and Malone (112) and Borchers

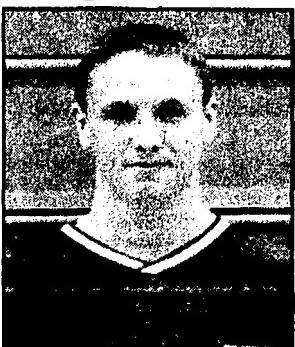
(215) each finished in 4th place. On Saturday, January 20, the Vikings will wrestle in the Ithaca Invitational. On Thursday, January 25, GHS will host Roscommon and Ogemaw Heights at 6 p.m.



Andy Palmer (125), right, squares off with an opposing team's wrestler.

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### Viking of the Week



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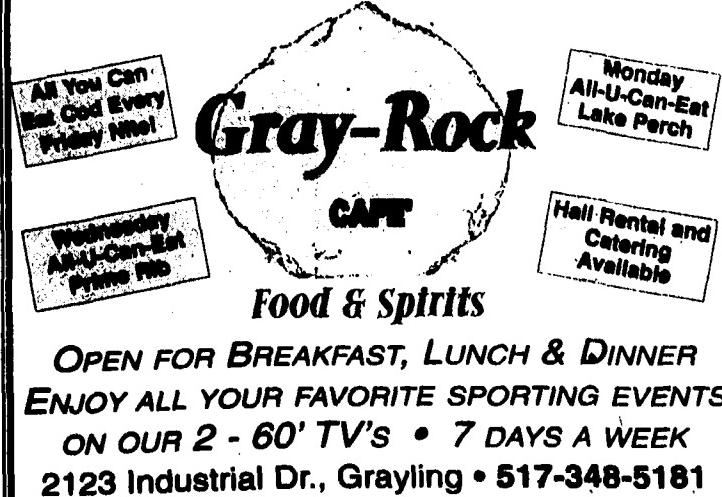
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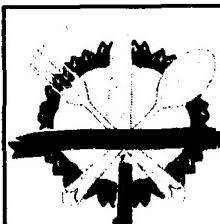
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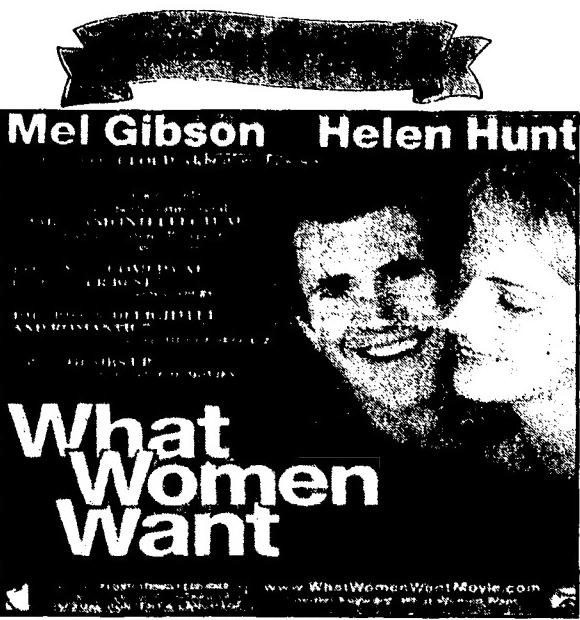
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## JV basketball team falls to West Branch

► Vikings lose home match to Ogemaw Heights Falcons 63-35

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost to a tough West Branch Ogemaw Heights squad last Friday in Grayling by a final score of 63-35.

The Vikings got into a hole early and never recovered. The Falcons scored the first 11 points of the game, and a total of 16 points in the first period. Grayling's offense was hindered by solid West Branch defense and a few unforced turnovers by the Vikings.

Ogemaw led 16-7 after one quarter of play. Grayling's first period scoring resulted from a shot inside by Joe Zelek, a free throw by Adam Kaiser, a put-back by Roy Czapak, and a drive by Chris Wakeley.

The Falcons continued to apply strong defensive pressure in the sec-

ond quarter, and added another 16 points on offense to take a 32-18 lead by halftime.

The Vikings scored second period points on a shot inside by Jessie Gildner, two free throws by Czapak, a shot inside by Zelek, a put-back by Greg Morrill, a free throw by Gildner, and a basket by James Kenney.

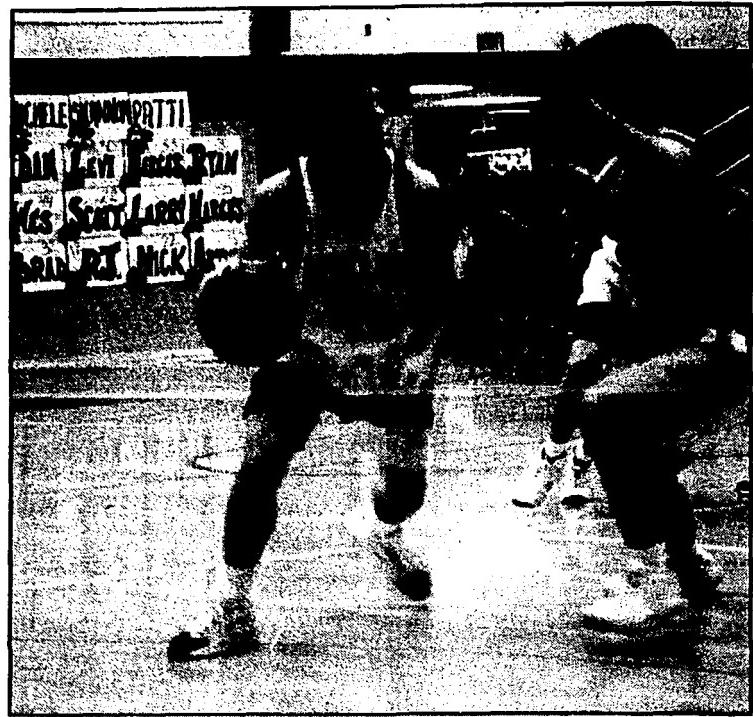
A 14-5 third period gave West Branch a 46-23 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Vikings scored on a lay-up by Kaiser, a drive by Wakeley, and a free throw by Czapak.

West Branch continued to maintain steady offensive production, finishing with a 19-12 fourth quarter.

Grayling recorded fourth quarter points on a free throw by Zelek, a put-back by Gildner, a jumper by Kaiser, a shot inside by Gildner, a three-point play by Kaiser, and a drive by Brett Mead.

The Falcons won the match 63-35.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a close match with Pinconning on a



Brett Mead handles the ball for the Vikings.

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# 9th graders lose to Bay City Bobcats

► GHS freshman basketball team falls to Bay City John Glenn at home

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys' basketball team had an off night against Bay City John Glenn in Grayling last Thursday, falling to the visiting Bobcats 60-46. The game was tied at 10-10 after one quarter of play, but Bay City steadily pulled away in the final three periods.

The Vikings did not shoot or rebound as well as they have in previous games. (The team won four straight games prior to the holiday break.)

Grayling scored 10 first quarter points on a jumper by Chad Helsel, two free throws by Joe Lange, a shot inside by Travis Gildner, and drives by Andy Strohpaul and Helsel.

Grayling stayed with the Bobcats

in the second quarter, but six unanswered points towards the end of the half helped Bay City take a 27-20 lead before the halftime buzzer.

The Vikings scored second quarter points on a shot inside by Lange (assisted by Sean Kelly), two more shots inside by Lange (both assisted by Gildner), a jumper by Gildner, and a shot inside by Strohpaul on an assist from Gildner.

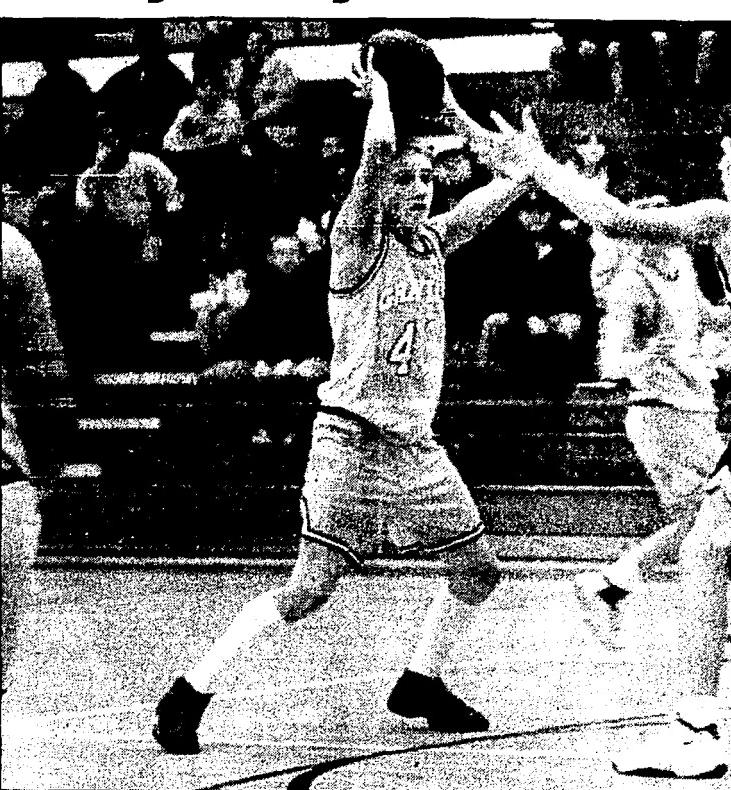
Bay City outscored GHS 16-9 in the third period. The Vikings scored on put-backs by Gildner and Lange, a fast break lay-up by Helsel, a put-back by Lange, and a free throw by Gildner.

Both teams scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to leave Bay City's lead at 14.

The Bobcats won the game by a final score of 60-46.

Lange was the scoring leader for Grayling with 21 points. Gildner scored nine, and Strohpaul and Helsel each scored six points.

On Monday, January 22, the Vikings will host Oscoda at 6:15 p.m.



Travis Gildner looks for an open teammate.

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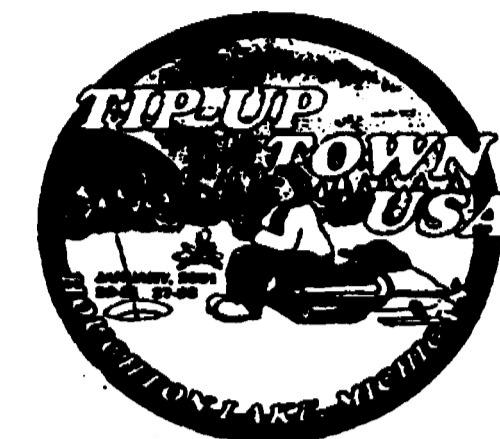
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**Fishing Contest** - Weigh in 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Houghton Lake Lake Association Booth, Tip-Up Town U.S.A.® Site. (Tip-Up Town Badge required to enter).

**Bed Races** - 11:00 a.m. Along parade route.

**Radar Run Challenge** - 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Flag Raising** - Follows the Grand Parade.

**Beverage Tent** - Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Must be 21 years of age to enter, Tip-Up Town Badge required.

**Scavenger Hunt** - 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.

Register at the Tip-Up Town Site.

**Games on Ice** - Continuous activities for the entire family, Free Carnival Rides.

**Softball on Ice** - 12:00 noon & 2:30 p.m.

**Horseshoes on Ice** - 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Bruno The Clown** - 2:00 p.m.

**Awards** - 4:00 p.m.

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**Teen Dance** - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

### Sunday, January 21, 2001

**Free Rosco Mini Bus Rides** - From the school parking lots to the Tip-Up Town site and back to the school parking lots from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Outdoor Writers Registration** - 9:00 a.m. at the Roscommon County Tourism and Convention Bureau.

**Tip-Up Town U.S.A.® officially opens 10:00 a.m.**

**Church Services** - 11:00 a.m. Tip-Up Town Site.

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**Flag Raising** - 10:00 a.m.

**Radar Run Challenge** - 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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**Teen Dance** - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

### Sunday, January 28, 2001

**Free Rosco Mini Bus Rides** - From the school parking lots to the Tip-Up Town site and back to the school parking lots from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Outdoor Writers Registration** - 9:00 a.m. at the Roscommon County Tourism and Convention Bureau.

**Tip-Up Town U.S.A.® officially opens 10:00 a.m.**

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**Teen Dance** - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



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**Family Man - PG-13 (126)**  
Starring - Nicolas Cage & Tea Leoni  
• 9:20pm nightly • Sat & Sun 4:20pm

**Antitrust PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Tim Robbins and Ryan Phillippe  
• 7 and 9 nightly • Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

**What Women Want - PG-13 (132)**  
Starring - Mel Gibson & Helen Hunt  
• 7pm nightly • Sat & Sun 2pm

**Cast Away - PG-13 (144)**  
Starring - Tom Hanks & Helen Hunt  
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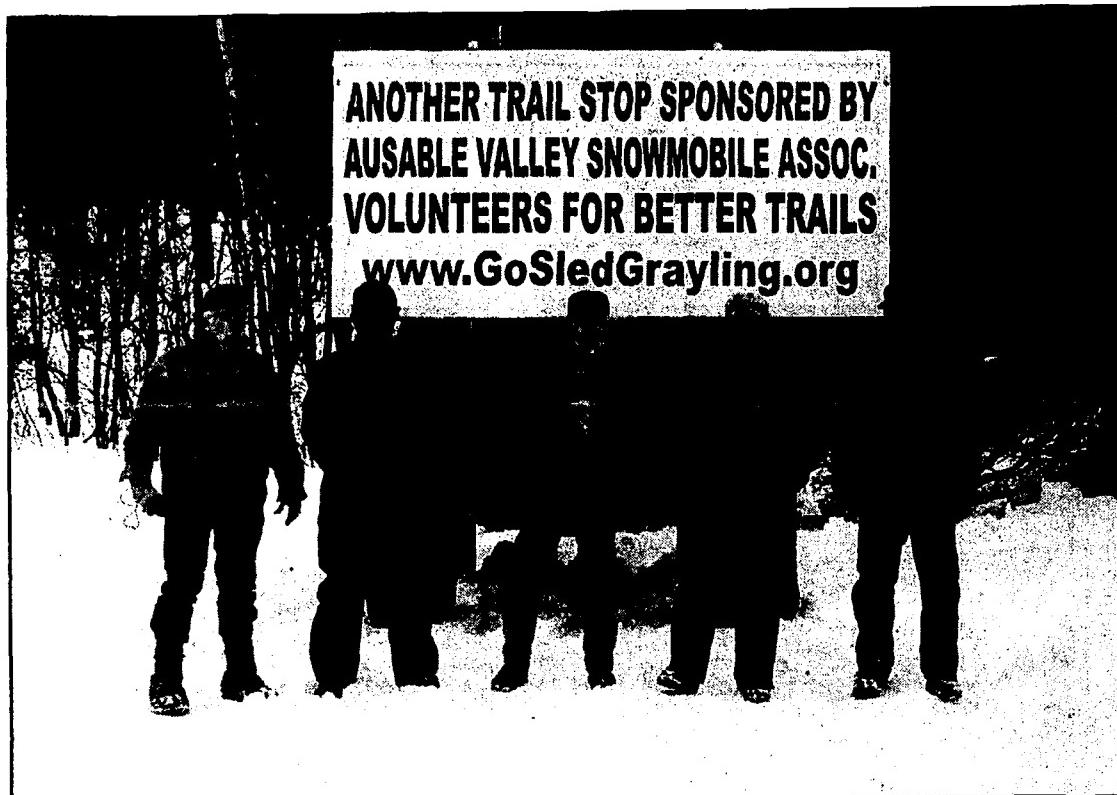
**Miss Congeniality (PG-13) (110)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock  
• 7 and 9:15pm nightly • Sat & Sun 2 and 4:15pm

Evenings: Adults \$6 • Children \$4.50  
• Seniors \$5  
• Tuesday Senior Matinee \$2  
Matinees • All Seats \$4.50

# Snowmobile group hosts trail stop event



(Above) Ken Riehle, one of the founding members of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association and a past-president of the group, served hot dogs to snowmobilers at the association's trail stop on Saturday.



Photos by Caleb Casey



## Hartwick Pines offers 'ski by lantern light' events

- Two evening cross country ski events to be held at local state park

Hartwick Pines State Park will be hosting two separate "Ski by Lantern Light" events, one later this month and one in early February.

The events, to be held on January 26 and February 9 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., will give participants the opportunity to cross country ski through Hartwick Pines' Old Growth Forest, then enjoy a hot cup of cocoa or coffee at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center.

Participants may ski around the trail as many times as they like, as long as the trail is lit. The trail, which spans approximately one mile, will be freshly groomed and track set.

At the event, skiers will walk through the Visitor Center down to the beginning of Old Growth Trail

and then ski by the Logging Museum area, over the rolling hills near the Chapel in the Pines, and cruise past the Monarch back to the start.

If the weather or ski conditions are hazardous for any reason, it may be necessary to cancel or postpone the event. Contact the park or Visitor Center for event status and other similar activities at (517) 348-7068 or (517) 348-2537.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located northeast of Grayling on M-93 about three miles east of I-75 exit 259. Visitors should park at the Visitor Center parking lot. A \$20 annual or \$4 daily motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park. Permits are available at the Contact Station or Visitor Center.

Winter camping is available for \$12 per night for visitors who wish to stay. Campers will have access to electricity, vault toilets, and a hand pump for water.

Campers may self register at the Contact Station.

## Ski event for River House

Continued from Page 1B

Along with a 24-hour hotline, River House services include both individual and group counseling sessions for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The women and their children may also receive court advocacy, food assists, transportation, household items, clothing, and other supplies conducive with rebuilding lives and being independent of an

abuser.

Other River House programs include Teen PEP, In Touch With Teens (prevention), and Alternatives to Abuse (for batterers).

For more information contact: Cross Country Ski Shop at (517) 348-8558; Rugged Elegance Adventure Tours at (616) 691-8228; River House Shelter at (517) 348-3169; or Hanson Hills at (517) 348-9266.

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Prudenville MI 48629  
(517) 366-2900

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234 Lake Street  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(517) 275-1250

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**  
1100 East Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-0314



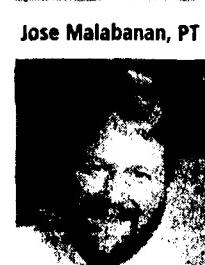
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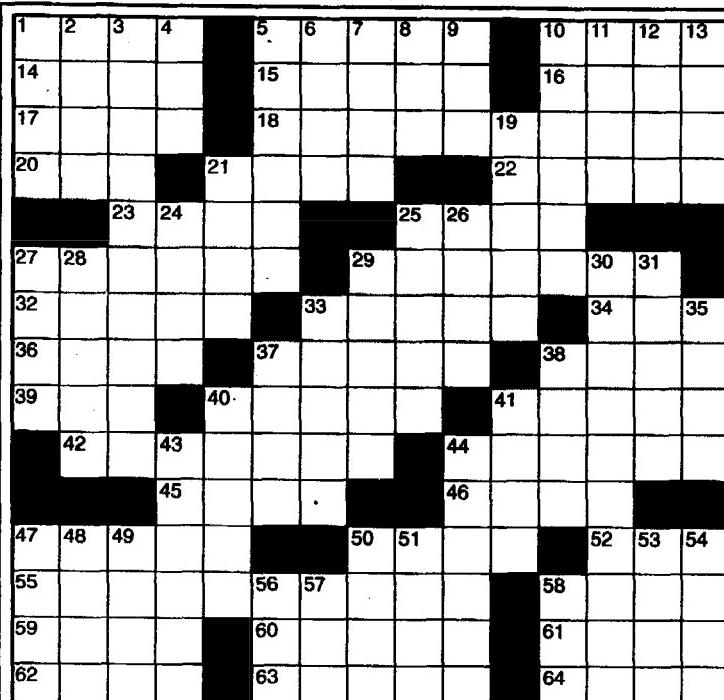


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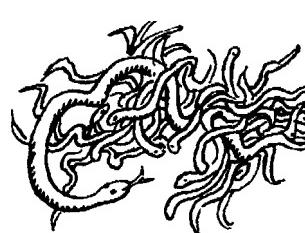
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- Artifice
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- Sir's companion
- "Make a Deal"
- Farm group
- Ladled receptacles
- "Bonanza" star Greene
- Court figure
- Big bird
- Nobelist Wiesel
- Stooges
- Lohengrin* prop
- Great Scale note
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- Iowa State city
- First name in fashion
- Steps: Italian

- Hodgepodge
- After JFK
- Cool Hand Luke* star
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- Last of the Stuart sovereigns
- Lies in ambush
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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

### DID YOU KNOW?

As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live. -Goethe



Garter snakes, though reptiles, do not lay eggs. They bear live young.



According to legend, in 1847, an American sea captain Hanson Gregory was the first person to cut a hole in a doughnut.

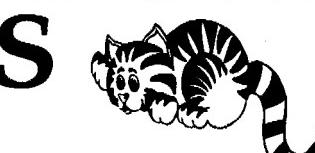
## PET PHOTOS



If you would like to adopt either of these, or ANY animal at the animal shelter, please call 348-4117.



This black and white female adult cat is waiting for a new home. She seems to be pretty calm and easy to handle.



This young male shepherd mix still has some growing to do and is very friendly and gentle with kids and adults.



### SPICY MEXICAN PEANUT SOUP

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic minced  
2 cups chopped cooked chicken  
1/2 cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter  
2 cans peeled, diced tomatoes with green chilies  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1 cup buttermilk  
1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley  
1/4 cup chopped peanuts

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; saute until onion is transparent. Add chicken, tomatoes, peanut butter, salt and red pepper flakes. Heat, stirring occasionally, until peanut butter is melted. Blend in buttermilk and cook until heated through. Stir in cilantro or parsley. To serve, ladle soup in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

### A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Independence Day at the Crawford County Courthouse in 1902

#### 46 Years Ago

January 20, 1955

The above picture was taken of the crowd on the Crawford County Court House lawn on July 4, 1902, during an Independence Day celebration. The picture was loaned to the Avalanche by Mrs. Agnes Robinson of Houghton Lake, a former Grayling resident. There doesn't appear as though there has been much change in the Court House building but compare the maple trees in the picture with what you see today around the corner of Peninsular and Michigan Avenue.

#### 23 Years Ago

January 19, 1978

In the wake of a recall attempt to oust Thomas Kent from his post as County Prosecuting Attorney, the opinion of the law enforcement agencies in the area is widely mixed. A county-wide recall attempt is apparently underway, alleging that the Prosecutor has failed, for a number of reasons, to perform his duties adequately as the county's Chief Law Enforcement Officer.

John H. Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank, announced this week the election of Paul J. Thomson, to the Board of Directors of the bank following the annual stockholders meeting.

were the weaker sex should have been at the Grayling Legion Bowling Lanes this last Monday night; it was proved otherwise. In eight different matches between men and women bowling teams rolling for the March of Dimes not a single mens team was able to defeat their supposedly "weaker" opponents. In fact in two matches the women defeated the men without the benefit of a handicap.

It's national egg month! A & P offers Sunnybrook eggs for 40 cents. Two dozen fresh Tangerine oranges for 49 cents. Mary Barber, Carolyn Sims, Ruth and Shirley Sparks, Loretta Cox and Rose Mary Alma enjoyed a birthday party for William James, grandson of Mrs. C. Pratt.

S/Sgt. Edward Dean Tobin arrived Saturday from Korea. He stopped over in Amarillo for his wife and daughter. He has been honorably discharged having spent four years in the Air Force.

Grayling's First Annual March of Dimes sale has businesses in town offering various items: The Grayling Restaurant offers complete Chicken dinner plates for \$1.35, Burrows Market has Sugar 95 cents for 10 pounds, Bennett's Restaurant has a luncheon special for 85 cents and Moshier's Sales and Service has a clean, low mileage 1953 Dodge for \$1,095 or a 1951 Custom Fordomatic Crestliner with leather seats for \$695.

Ten little boys and girls helped Steve LaGrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow celebrate his 5th birthday Sunday.

The Misses Dolores and Margrethe LaMotte of Saginaw spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Middie LaMotte.

The Seniors of Grayling High have made plans for their Senior Trip. A travel representative spoke to the class last week. The group will journey to Niagara Falls, New York, May 25 and return on May 27.

The guy who said that women

sponsoring a benefit game with Gaylord Friday, January 22nd. "Dago" Laurant and "Kingfish" Teu are putting on a comedy as a prelude to the game which will be well worth the price of admission.

The unusualness of the brand of weather that is being doled out to the inhabitants of Northern Michigan this winter seems to be a topic quite generally discussed wherever one stops to do a little gabbing. So far this year, we have had one real cold night. During Christmas night the temperature dropped to about 12 below zero. There have been a few zero periods but most of the time it has hardly been freezing weather. The ground at this time is frozen only an inch or two; quite in contrast with four or five feet of frozen earth of other winters. There was a snowfall of about 4 or 5 inches Sunday night and Monday and that is now almost all gone.

On Saturday, January 16, just two weeks from the time Grayling's new State Savings Bank opened, commercial account No. 100 was opened by the Tri-County Telephone Company through its local representative, Mrs. Ruth Mack. Total deposits that day were \$48,743.73.

Miss Genevieve Montour, a graduate of Grayling High School is making a record as a student nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor; she recently took a test of Anatomy, after four months of training, she was one of 10 out of 40 students to pass the exam, and was the only one who received an A. The young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

#### 92 Years Ago

January 21, 1909

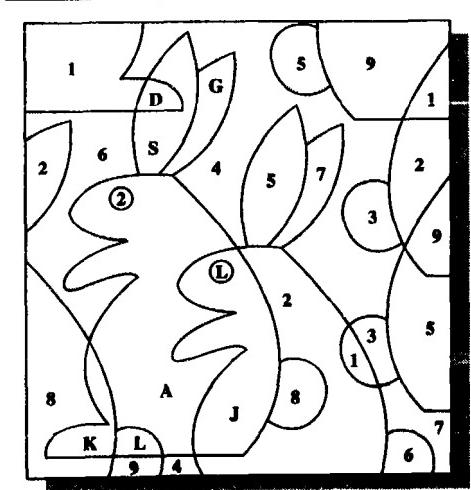
Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Fairbotham on January 18, a baby daughter.

Married at the M.E. Parsonage in Frederic, on January 16, Earl Marshall of Maple Forest and Martha Knibbs of the same place, Rev. G. Sanderson officiated.

The Band Boys are all happy, the management of the and presenting each one with a full nickel plated Hamilton Combination Telescopic music stand.

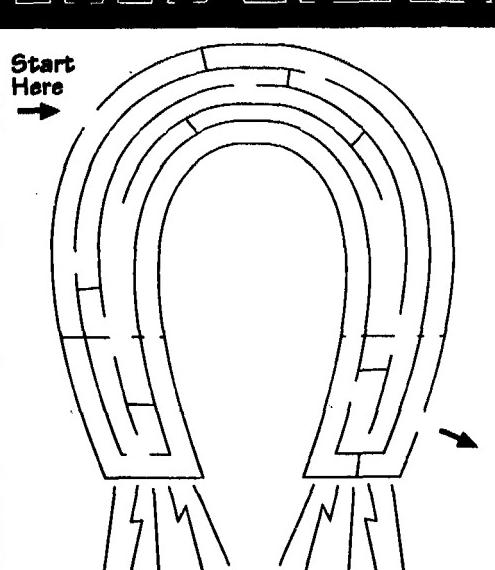
The new mill of R. Hanson and Sons is making lumber and starts in a satisfactory manner.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## MAZE



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8a.m.
1/9	27	11	27
1/10	43	27	27
1/11	45	19	24
1/12	34	24	33
1/13	34	31	31
1/14	33	31	32
1/15	34	29	29

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Chilly with more sun than clouds. High 20, Low 16.

Thursday- Chilly with Overcast. High 28, Low 17.

Friday- Chilly with Overcast, Snow Showers likely. High 28, Low 18.

Saturday- Chilly, Mainly Cloudy, Snow Showers Likely. High 28, Low 20.

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**LOOKING FOR SOME ACREAGE?** Well here it is! 10 wooded acres, 300 x 1466 in Beaver Creek Twp., surrounded by private land. \$30,000 #1838. Call Diane Babcock or Doug Burgard at Wildwood Properties Services, Inc. 517-821-8870 or 888-613-6565. (-11-18/1)

**20 WOODED ACRES** of rolling terrain, trails throughout property, several deer blinds. This would be a great location to build, close to Federal land, surrounded by wildlife. \$64,900, #812. Call Diane Babcock or Doug Burgard at Wildwood Properties Services, Inc. 517-821-8870 or 888-613-6565. (-11-18/1)

**1. Real Estate**

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**2A. Want To Rent**

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Dated: December 28, 2000  
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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: January 11, 2001

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recorded on October 17, 1998 in Liber 419, page 489, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4, Agreement dated 12-12-96, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Assigned by an assignment dated November 27, 2000, which was recorded on December 15, 2000 in Liber 525, page 157, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 54/100 dollars (\$63,699.54), including interest at 14.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 Block 26, Roffee's Addition, except 1 foot along the East side of Lot 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plts, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

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